Springfield
Feb. 26. 1885.

Mr. Walter Deane.

Dear Sir,

I wish I had never found Woodwardia angustifolia in Nantucket, it would be such a pleasure to learn of so noble an addition to its flora. But if I must tell the disappointing truth, this Woodwardia is almost our commonest fern; Pteris aquilina grows perhaps more abundantly, though I don't feel sure of it. I wonder if Miss Parsons found it on the Sconset road opposite the fifth mile stone; there it grows in such luxuriance that the only trouble is to find fronds small enough to press, — the roots can by no ingenuity be reduced to herbarium size. When I first found that delightful locality

my emotion would have entirely overcome me, if my companion had not, with great presence of mind, flung his hat high into the air to assist me in my expression. That happened to be in August, 1879, but I had seen the plant before that, and so had Mr. Dame of Medford.

I suppose you write to me, because I furnished a list of the plants of the island (sadly imperfect at that time) for Mr. Godfrey's Guide-book, but if this fern is not in the list, it is a strange error of the printer's, and a great oversight in the proof reader. It is in my original written list which I still have, but the Guide book is not at hand just now.

Now can't Miss Parsons hunt up Schizaea pusilla when she goes to Nantucket again? Many a botanist, familiar with the New Jersey localities, sees that our island is just the place to appear in. So wishing her that feather in her cap,

I remain

Yours very truly

Marian L. Owen.

plants on the island, known by only one representative each, one might not see at first how this little thing can be scarcer, but it is; they are in their places every year and all through the year — fixed stars; this is comet-like, unexpected in its coming, visible for a short time, and then absent for years.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield
Mar. 3. 1885.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send with pleasure by this same mail specimens of Wood. and — not very nice because immature; but it is a late fern, and I go to Mount and leave too early to get it in perfection. I don't care for anything in return as I have no herbarium of my own; I collect a few rarities when I am on the island only to give away, and that pleasure is its own reward. Still if you want to do something for me, you might ask Judge Churchill if he found anything new last July, sedges or grasses particularly. His love of the sedges may account for his not noticing this fern and indeed it is not conspicuous anywhere, but it is common. It grows at Bloomingdale for some distance, and on both sides of the road; as Nauvinet where Hibiscus Moscheutos grows, in

several places between Eatfire and Shawinet on the road and off from it; there is a fine patch by a bridge, on the road to Polpis, and another between Siasconset and Sanscoty, there is a plenty of it all along Love Lane, and that place opposite the eight mile stone, besides other places where I think I have seen it but made no note of it in my mind. I compared it as to abundance with Pteris aquilina a little doubtfully, as I have paid too little attention to that common fern, not minding whether it was present or absent. I shall observe it more carefully when I am on the island again, for I think I may find var. candata there.

Your postal card was all right, but so I detect in your explanation a gentle reproof of the levity of my reply? What cried one day? I sympathized with Miss Parsons if she thought she had found something new, and had got to be disappointed, and so I thought I must amuse her a little. But I was quite in earnest about the Schizaea; nothing that grows in New Jersey can astonish me in Nantucket.

When we botanists are such an amiable class there is never any danger of offence when none is intended, and when our fair science is the theme.

Mr. Dame has not sent me your list yet, but he will some time. I am not at work on my catalogue now but hope to take hold of it later in the spring. I mean for it to be a guide for strangers botanizing on the island. For instance, when you were at Gibb's Pond you would have been glad to know that Utricularia subulata, L. had been found on the sandy beach close to the water's edge. This is our very scarcest plant, although its variety clistogama is abundant in three other localities. When there are several

found it on his first visit. I am sorry that I am out of Hypericum adpressum and Acyrum Crux-Andreae; visiting botanists are always pleased to find Stachys hyssopifolia and Baccharis halimifolia, but Mr. Churchill collected them so they may not be unknown to you.

I send two specimens of U. clandestina; the one with the name at the top is for you, the other for Mr. Churchill if he would like it. The full and good specimen of Corema is for you, the imperfect one (no pistillate flowers) for Mr. Churchill, but he had better not mount it yet; I will try to get some more next May and send him a good specimen. You will know the Erythraea spicata, Pers. but I send no ticket, for I want no credit for such miserable things. I always give away the best I have and I am heartily sorry that I can give you only the poor remains of what has been an excellent collection. The Spiranthes & Drosera are good however, the Kalmia is a peculiar form from

Springfield
Mar. 7. 1886.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am extremely pleased with the list that you sent me; Mr. Dame will no doubt give it to me in time, but I am very glad to have it now. Let me comment upon it. Trifolium procumbens — I found what I am very sure was var. minus in the Milton region. Coronilla varia, I would like to see; I am not sure that I know it. Where was it? Epilobium hirsutum is also an introduced and escaped plant — brought in within my memory. Opuntia vulgaris — they say it is all O. Rafinesquii on our coast, but I know better, and so do you, it seems. But why did you not see the latter also? they grow together. Where did you find Mertensia maritima? I know three localities, and hope you can report another. And where — where, does Onosmodium Virginianum, DC. grow? In Dr. Hitchcock's Catalogue of the Plants of Mass. he puts this

plant ~~named~~ – O. hispidum Mx. – is what he calls it, and creeps in to Nantucket. That list was published in 1883, and from that day to this as far as I know, you & Mr. Churchill are the only human beings who have seen it. Dr. H. says Ceratophyllum demersum, L. grows there, but it has not been reported since. I have been on the lookout for years, for Tillaea simplex, Nutt. which Mr. Oakes found ~~there~~ in Nantucket; I have sought it in vain. But hope that you may yet find them both. I am glad that you report Typha angustifolia; I thought it must grow there, but I don't go into cat-tail swamps myself. I am going to send you Utricularia clandestina, Nutt.: there are ditches in Polpis that I have seen full of it, from the surface to the bottom of the water, and for as many rods up and down their course as I had time to examine, but I have seen the flowers with the yellow corolla only once, and then a man brought to me from the softest and most dangerous bog that I ever came upon. Men can certainly collect things that are beyond a woman's reach.

My list is very weak in grasses and sedges, and I shall be very much obliged for specimens of any of the smaller ones that you can spare. I don care for Cal. Canadensis, Sp. cynosuroides, Sp. stricta, var. alterniflora, Holcus lanatus, Danthonia spicata and Agrostis alba. I shall be very glad to see Festuca Myurus, L. which you discovered yourself, as I saw in the Bot. Gazette of last August. What is the locality where it is so abundant?

You need not try to get Mr. Churchill's former list: he kindly sent it to me in 1881.

I will send you the nicest things I have on hand now, but my stock is low, I find. And worse than that, the specimens are poor – that is, some of them are. I advise you not to mount Erythraea spicata; there are fine Eastfie specimens, and Pocono is the place to get the plant in perfection. Mr. Churchill

a bush that has always flowered in this way. Dr. Gray mentions it in the Am. Naturalist of August, 1870. I send the seedlings of the Floating Heart — have never met any one who had noticed them or could tell me anything of the development of the cluster of spurs on the petioles. I hope there may be something amongst them all that will be of some use to you. Is it there anything in this part of the State that you would like? Our region is very rich in ferns. But whether it is ferns or something else that you would like I should be very glad to send it to you now or try to get it for you in old season.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

P.S. I ticket my Sabbatia S. gracilis. Mr. Churchill called it in his list S. stellaris. Dr. Gray says it is between the two, but in the Syn. Flora, he calls it

S. gracilis and mentions the Nantucket plant as "an ambiguous form".

I ought to have mentioned before that I can add to my catalogue about ten new names from your list for which I shall with pleasure give you due credit.

M. L. D.

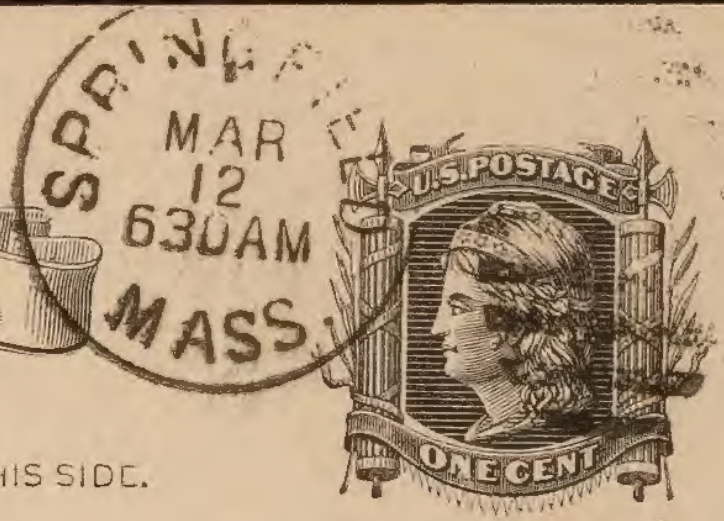
I have a few specimens of Aristida basiramea, Engelm. described in the Bot. Gazette of last May, given to me in the summer by the discoverer, Mr. Warren Upham of Minneapolis. If you have none I will share with you.

M. L. D.

Springfield
Mar. 11. 1885

I must have written obscurely about Mr. C.'s Sabbatia. What I meant to say was that the plant I was sending you as S. gracilis was really the same that Mr. C. called S. stellaris. I have his list before me now, but the date is Dec. 1. 1881, which was before you got Dr. Gray's decision. If he writes to Nantucket again in 1883, I should be much pleased to know what he found then — there were five new things in the list of '81. You and he are the only people who give me any help in the rushes, sedges and grasses.

M. L. Owen.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
5 Brewster Place
Cambridge
Mass.

By Mr. Mary L. Dow

BOSTON EVENING

TRANSCRIPT,

FRIDAY,

MARCH 27, 1885.

HOW TO ACCENT "ARBUTUS."

To the Editor of the Transcript: Now that our Plymouth friends are sending us the Mayflower with their spring greetings, let us see what a few American poets have said about it under its other name of arbutus. No, let us *hear* what they say, and listen with a purpose—

"A year ago, in the sweet spring weather,
We sought the trailing arbutus together."
[M. E. Sangster.

"Whisper on, glad girls and boys;
Sealed the fragrant rosy wells;
You and spring are safe alike—
Never the arbutus tells!"
[H. H.

"But fairer than all flowers,
First-born of sun and showers,
Is the arbutus, jewel of the spring."
[C. H. Burleigh.

"The wild arbutus, flushed with haste,
Trails close, to make appeal."
[Lucy Larcom.

I could give a dozen more examples, but the sound for which we are listening would be the same in all.

Now let us hear some English poets. The plant that they mean is a large shrub, but it is the name only that we are concerned with:

——"Over which you saw
The irregular line of elms by the deep lane
Which stopped the grounds and dammed the overflow
Of arbutus and laurel."
[E. B. Browning.

"Glowing bright,
Beneath, the various foliage wildly spreads
The arbutus, and rears his scarlet fruit."
[Cowper.

And finally, O Transcript! representative of classic Boston, listen to Virgil:

Menalcas speaks—

"Dulce satis humor, depulsis arbutus hœdis."

and "ar'butus" is what he said. Now why, O Transcript! do so many Americans thus fly in the face of Rome and England and the dictionaries? Webster gave arbu'tus in the early editions, but by 1873 had learned better and changed to ar'butus. It is not all Americans who are thus careless of their accent; there are some who would no more say "arbu'tus" than they would talk of "layloes" and "pinies." May their tribe increase!

O.

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[illegible] I [illegible] in Spain.

[illegible] to you on [illegible] from [illegible] to [illegible] or Catalogue [illegible] Cretchen you get it [illegible] L. Owen.

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Spring Field
Apr. 12. 1885.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I shall return to this model the "Contributions" of Dr. Gray, which would you like Mr. Watson's "Contributions" containing the Flora of S. Carolina in twelve volumes and you might accept of a copy of Asa Gray's Lectures. Then the Herbarium is with me. Don't hesitate to express your wishes, and whatever about it of that of which will be a suitable return for the few services I have done you. I feel much <u>more</u> indebted to you than I could or can ever give you. Dear I had or Gray gone or a new <u>manual</u> to add to my catalogue, and you have given me many. Then although I said then I did not want duplicates in exchange when I found such Rarities or rather in fact I changed my mind, and I value more than ever the have done me.

I have read Mr. Dr. Gray's "Memoirs" in

Mrs. Dillman with letter. Send for them and the other Dandelots I think you very much.

The Mrs. Dillman [illegible] in [illegible] was undoubtedly the collector of the Lycopodium. She has moved away from Waukesha now and Mrs. Mary the daughter of the informant Mr. Shaw wrote to me that the person he was living in Green Bluffs. Our Lycopodium does not seem to reach the size of the Eastern; I have seen no specimens much larger than those I sent you.

I enclose a label for the Aster from not since now for the Lycopodium; I want to look at the specimens that I sent in our Society herbarium later.

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[illegible] for a Chinese [illegible];
and if you think those [illegible] [illegible]
is [illegible] [illegible], I will [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] for publication at the [illegible]
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My dear Mr. [illegible],

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we have been ever since [illegible]
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[illegible] volumes of history. [illegible] entered, was standing at his writing desk. I could scarcely believe that the man was 80 years of age. He stood as upright as a dart. His eye glanced round the room like that of an eagle. His hair is white, and his beard and moustache are nearly white, but they are not whiter than those of most men at 60; and when we had interchanged salutations and I had asked after his health, he told me that he was at present not as well as usual, but added, with all his old fire: "I wish I were now climbing up Mont Blanc or any of the higher Alps as some years ago; but I am unequal now to the task." And here he expanded—or as the French would say, gonfla—his chest. "You know I am a keen botanist, and like to gather rare plants. I have always had a great passion for flowers." [Life (London).

6 By Mrs M. L. Owen.
BOSTON

EVENING TRANSCRIPT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1885.

THE AR'BUTUS QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Transcript; As some people are telling me that Worcester says arbu'tus, I would like a little space for a rejoinder. Worcester does accent the second syllable, but in doing so he convicts himself of ignorance, which is culpable in one who assumes to lead. In his dictionary he distinguishes foreign words by putting them in italics, and he gives "arbutus" thus, not recognizing it as English at all. But in Latin there can be no question whatever; the poets of the Augustan age, to speak of no others, show plainly that the accent is on the first syllable. In Europe the pronunciation has come down right by unbroken tradition, while in this country there was but little occasion to use the word for more than two hundred years after the arrival on our coast of that other "Mayflower" of great renown. It is only for twenty-five years or so that its little namesake by the name of "arbutus" has been one of fashion's favorites, and we New Englanders, ignorant of the right way of pronouncing the word, have hit upon the wrong one. But, to a critical ear, what is more detestable than a false accent? What sounds more ignorant? And so I hope for your powerful aid once more in trying to correct so mortifying an error. O.

Manchester
Oct. 10. 1880.

My dear Mr. Crane,

I have written a few notes which I will send by this same mail. If it is a month later than when you were here, you may not have seen them. What I want is for you to make them for me — nothing elaborate about them, for I cannot find the fifteen minutes that would be sufficient for the work —

Cannot find it here, and
time is up now — !!!
I am inquiring about the
baths and shall be able
to report soon. Please put
in a packet of E. Cinerea
and one of E. Tetralix.

Yours in great haste

Thomas E. Owen.

Springfield Oct. 1. 1863.

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[illegible] Roseanchen in the [illegible]. [illegible] Roberts [illegible] the [illegible] in Vicksburg — he called [illegible] R. Florenda, [illegible], I had been a similar plant near growing [illegible]. Now in Mr. Upham's Catalogue of the Flora of Minnesota Mr. Roberts contributes R. Flaccida, which the "usual step" is not found in this country. Nevertheless it has been entered as grown on Mr. Roberts farm — [illegible], not no intermediate mentioned. Dr. Chapin has [illegible] of the plants carefully [illegible] "[illegible] at all times [illegible]" so he [illegible] as [illegible] is.

— L. O.

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Mr. Walter Dean
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Yours very truly

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Mr. Prentiss Dean
Prentiss Hall

~~Shelburne~~
~~N.H.~~
Brunswick Place
Cambridge
Mass.

~~Geo. A. E. Phillips~~

Now these grasses in grass
Lawns like moss, also Hypl. Hieracium
Hieracium, Hord. unguiculatum Camp-
Trosus [illegible] Kinney. If this
Year, two of my friends who were
on the Mountains in July, carried
100 specimens on a narrow strip
of ground a few rods long. They brought
home one hundred specimens or more.
We know the controversy about this
form, and we have Davenport's mono-
graph & Eaton's Ferns of the U. S. We
have studied & compared with our
Theric Lbm. specimens and examined
Gray's in the Compositae microscope
after all this, we conclude that, in
best they shall be to us. Till somebody
who knows more than we, pronounce,
to the contrary. If they turn out mere
Caricature (some of them) that will
add one of the blooming forms to the
list. We also find ten or twelve
good varieties, of one form and another.

[illegible] Aug. 22.

[illegible] Dear Sir That package of
[illegible] to Prof. [illegible] received
& tried & too and found wholly
[illegible] — no, — [illegible] Prof.
[illegible] Thing & wholly failed my
intentions well first. That is the
logic of it more exactly. [illegible]
[illegible] the name of [illegible]
them. I know them all well for
the Carices and of course not truly
[illegible] order; besides I kept [illegible]
specimens of some few of the whole
collection. Lec were only two of all
these & dont for that I thought worth
mentioning — the [illegible] Rellum, and
the form is vastly more than from
the goodness of the specimen, and
Aira caryophyllea. [illegible]

[illegible] I have Dr. Lacy's Fracture [illegible]
[illegible] and he gives no description
of Pellaea Tenella. I have [illegible]
[illegible] - I think they
[illegible] The [illegible] is
[illegible] there.

I must tell you a little incident
here. When I was [illegible]
[illegible] I have been [illegible]
[illegible] for with Dr. Richardson's
description in mind, and when I
[illegible] it looked very different
from what I expected, especially
in the fronds, on which he says
[illegible] stress. There were no flowers
[illegible] I must have found them on
fruiting scales.

I hope that I have the wrong
name to the friend that I sent;
I think S. Wrightii & C. laurifolia both
naturalized in New Haven, as found in N. J.
[illegible] Dr. Lacy's [illegible]
[illegible] I can
[illegible] there
[illegible]
[illegible] I
[illegible] Then [illegible]
[illegible] I
[illegible] Then "be-
[illegible]?" I rejoice that
[illegible] you will have had the
pleasing. And I am glad you
made so fine a collection in
Willoughby. For us we "dwell the
[illegible] Trace" than all botanists
(in this neighborhood) utter for
Mt. Tabor, in the towns of Cleveland
and Leverett. We find there even
fewer than grow in this state except
the two Woodwardias, and Polystichum
Braunii and P. acrostichoides. Perhaps I should except also
Lyg. scandens, but that grows very
near. The collect of species there
and amongst them all that you men-
tion except Woodsia glabella and Aspid.
acul. var. Braunii. Both Pellaeas

Now I am going to the trouble
in preparing a special [illegible]
hoping to take it home
[illegible] to give to the
school [illegible] so it will [illegible]
well. I am sure it would help me
if you and Mr. Churchill would
not use the common [illegible] & see
whether they are more or less abun-
dant than might be expected in
similar localities. I don't expect
you to report on, lay the facts
up in mind, & tell me if I
[illegible] you. Your [illegible] —
is it an interesting fact if an insti-
gator is the only species, or if it is
[illegible] much more common than the other.
I hope you will see all the Woodwardia
angustifolia there you want to. It is
really so common that I cannot think
of any wet place where I have not
seen it — perhaps that is too broad a
assertion, but it is so common that I
[illegible] not pay much attention to it anywhere.
Wishing you & Mrs. Beam continued health & pleasure
I am very truly W. L. Jepson

=

[illegible] Mountain.
I [illegible] so near all land for a
[illegible] field [illegible] very [illegible] and
[illegible] upon in the sky,
[illegible] up in the morning and
[illegible] each night?

But in our botanical society we
have been studying grasses this
season. We have had over sixty
[illegible] in so far. I shall have
[illegible] original [illegible] for you.
[illegible] abundant here, and I have
not usually found it well [illegible]
before September. Does Eleocharis [illegible]
grow in your region? I found
a [illegible] of it a week or two
ago.

I am glad you are going to
Kentucky. I wish I could see [illegible]
[illegible] myself; I am [illegible]
[illegible] me [illegible] intervals from [illegible]
[illegible] September and [illegible]

[illegible] Plantago [illegible] Angelii, [illegible] the "R." [illegible] P. Angelii is [illegible] Rivier, while P. major is introduced it is important to know [illegible] Colored and they both are — [illegible] both. I hope you know them as a pleasure I wish I did — But if you do not why not practice a little and be nursing in training up there in Oregon? Let me give you the points in case you have not the "Manual." Yours by you.

P. major	P. Angelii
Spike dense, obtuse at apex.	Sp. long + thin, attenuate at apex.
Exterior sepal + bract more or less carinate.	All the sepals + bract acutely carinate.
Ovules 8–18; seeds few, minutely reticulated.	Ovules 6–10; seeds 4–9, not reticulated.
Capsule circumscissile near the middle, and near the level of the summit of the sepals.	Caps. circumsc. much below the middle. Capsules erect in the spike.
	Spike often a foot or more long.
	Leaves paler than in P. major.

[illegible] I have taken unnecessary pains in giving you these particulars, but as there is a small chance that you may have been as much troubled as I have in distinguishing the plants, and I want the information very much, I do what-ever I can to help you get it for me.

I have had Panicum glabrum reported in more than one tele- [illegible] Tuttuc, grasses, I think, but I have never seen any Panicum there that looks like our P. glabrum. I found a grass in abundance last September west of the town, that seemed half way between glabrum & sanguinale. Dr. Swan said it was glabrum without doubt. I will enclose a few specimens of the grass as it grows with us — a slender little thing. While in Yl. it is stout.

I thought the [illegible] Club, the
[illegible] of the health for
Dr. [illegible] natural [illegible] in
its [illegible] in [illegible] journal,
but I have had no time to [illegible]
[illegible]

My sister [illegible] going to Colo-
rado [illegible] I
[illegible]
Thompson friends, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

I shall be [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible]
to [illegible] with
[illegible] to be
[illegible]
for I [illegible]
[illegible] will [illegible] the [illegible] of August
if I go away, then it would be to
[illegible], but I feel quite undecided

about that. I suppose [illegible] to go to
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] you will [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Thanking you [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] your "[illegible]"

[illegible]
Yours [illegible]
William L. Thom[illegible]

P.S. The Acrophyllum leaves are said to be "1" wide" in the latter ed. of his Manual. We found no such leaves, so looked in the 1st ed. and found his width given "1/2". The true width of our specimens now returns the ten.

M.L.L.

[illegible] 1885

My dear [illegible],

There is not much to [illegible] the story of [illegible] escape [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] question [illegible] [illegible]. I suppose I mentioned [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] in Mr. [illegible], [illegible] I [illegible] for I never [illegible], and [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible]. I have [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] I think [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible].

I have [illegible] they are just as bad as [illegible] you shall see for yourself, and I [illegible].

[illegible] She is going to [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] "The [illegible]" [illegible]

[illegible] two years [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] for the absolute [illegible] of all this — [illegible] though I [illegible]. I have no [illegible]

[illegible] (See [illegible])

[illegible] — I hope you will [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Would Dr Gray like [illegible]
[illegible] for the [illegible]? I would [illegible]
him [illegible] with pleasure if he would
the picture is there [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible]

I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Believe me
Very truly
[illegible]

[illegible]

Spring Point

[illegible] 1885.

[illegible] near the [illegible]

the [illegible] of [illegible] is anything

that we might [illegible] and might [illegible]

[illegible] in the course of the [illegible],

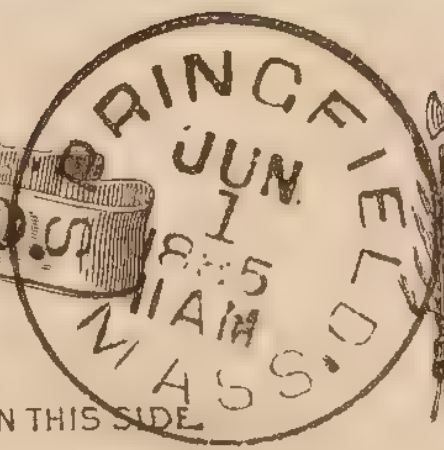
[illegible] shall have the spoil [illegible]. I am

so pleased for that good man. Why did it be a

growth instead of a [illegible]? [illegible] the flora in the

Hudson's Bay region is something wonderful. [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible]



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Dr. [illegible]

[illegible]

"[illegible]" [illegible] Dr. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Tom [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] in a
[illegible] in Orange Co.

do C. Farmer Villa, [illegible]
[illegible] as [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Beauty, and numerous children to
have children, 4th — 35 years ago!
And yet I am more content!
Love, more, is still my cry —
But of these things we will talk
in Boston, and I will be in your house
in good season after the date already mentioned —
Yours very truly
Blanche L. Walker —

Springfield
Mass. 5. 1910.

[illegible]
your letter, card & other memorandum
[illegible] received and
I will return to the Library Bureau
I have obtained under in view
this business and have [illegible] them
into my [illegible] [illegible]
I [illegible] 1850; it [illegible]
the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] of the 4th Paul was in Athens,
(Luke was [illegible] the other [illegible]),
[illegible] was 4, Hebrews was [illegible] in
the [illegible] [illegible] (the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]) [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Worcester, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
more [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Mr. E. A. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] last August [illegible] Collection [illegible]

[illegible] ever [illegible]

25 Lambert Ave –
Roxbury Apr. 15. 1886.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I mean to be at the Horticultural next Saturday as planned. At what time will you be there? Any hour will suit me. Yours very truly

M. L. Owen

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BOSTON MASS. APR 15 86 PM

Nothing but the address to be on this side.

Mr. Walter Deane

5 Brewster Place

Cambridge Mass.

Evening [illegible]
[illegible] 27, 1886

Dear Mr. R. Clare

I am much obliged for the Copy of your Mr. Pickwicks still with its "one bench" correction. I am sorry and ashamed to have air'd it even in "Arcadia" too? — Then you need air Care for this, all the Smart readers would know at once what you wrote, and the Proof Readers oversight would only give them a pleasant bit of fun.

Mr. Stebbins wishes to know if you are going to Chautauqua in June; if so he can get you this Room from Broad Cavalry [illegible]

Mr. Stebbins & Mr. Clemens's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Place
June 23. 1878.

My dear Mr [illegible],

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the catalogue and [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the catalogue [illegible]

The botanical society were hospitably entertained yesterday afternoon by Miss Booth at her Longmeadow home, the attendance being larger than usual. The society were occupied with analyzing sedges and other specimens. They are to be presented with a full set of sedges by Prof Bailey of Michigan.

Solomon Stebbins of the city library goes to-day, with Mrs Stebbins, for a two-weeks' stay at Mount Mansfield, the most noble hight of the Green mountains in Vermont. When it is said that at least six species of fern that do not grow in this part of the country are found on Mansfield, his friends will know that Mr Stebbins is going to have a delightful vacation.

I have come to a stand-still about Mr. Murray. I can do but little myself to make his path to the island straight and easy — Mrs. Starbuck is the person through whom I must work and the last I heard from her one of her daughters was very sick and a sweet little grandchild had scarlet fever. That was the 10th of this month, and though I have written to her since, it was no time to lay any technical schemes before her.

I left that other sheet of paper because it was nothing less than horrid — it acted as though it had been frisked off with oil.

But talking of horrid things — that article in the December Bulletin by O. R. Willis on the

Nantucket Gallinas & Ericas
was about as provoking & mis-
chievous a thing as I ever read.
A little truth but much more
—Error— [illegible]
[illegible] Pierson — well, if he [illegible]
to Pierson from a hotel. I [illegible]
[illegible] I don't know who [illegible]
if a truthful woman. I [illegible]
[illegible] Pierson from Bridgeport and in
[illegible] places, but if she
[illegible] she was [illegible]
[illegible], and had no idea that [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] truth [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. I should like to have your opinion of them. The Artemisia we can hardly expect to prove *borealis*. *Naias flexilis* has never been reported before, but I don't feel sure that this is the species. *Carex stellulata*, var. *scirpoides*, if correct will be new; & will *Desmodium Dillenii*.

I work on the Catalogue almost every day now and think I shall have it ready for criticism and inspection before the winter is over.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] no botanist is at [illegible]

[illegible]

The Gotrike [illegible] [illegible] and I
[illegible] in the letter. You also
remember [illegible] Mr Whittemore
[illegible] that I [illegible] the money
in my [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] that I [illegible] the
[illegible] would be quite [illegible].
Now if you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I shall write to get the [illegible]; then
[illegible], if the [illegible] is to be made
[illegible] there is [illegible] I shall
[illegible] the [illegible]. If it is to be
<u>much</u> greater, — if only a <u>little</u>
greater, I think [illegible] a [illegible]
will be [illegible].

I think I had better not ask
[illegible] more the [illegible] with [illegible]
till I see [illegible] Mr. Thorpe. I think
I have [illegible] [illegible] before them,
but I shall do it [illegible] a good deal
[illegible] [illegible] they will [illegible] to the
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] —

P.S. Mr. [illegible] has [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] his letters to me
[illegible]. [illegible] "[illegible]" — [illegible]
letter [illegible] Nigel [illegible] he had [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to the [illegible]. After
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] good [illegible] what [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] where
to [illegible] for [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] good
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] —

Springfield
Nov. 2nd, 1[illegible]

My dear Mr. Deane,

In my last letter I told you I would further the noble [illegible] in his decision. I think I have succeeded in the Catalogue with the very kind & invite him & Mr. [illegible] there. There is no pictures being on the island in the [illegible], and I have no [illegible] Field, so I cannot think it considered; but I will [illegible] & [illegible] the possibility is in the hands of Terrible [illegible], & may be [illegible] me.

I have taken from [illegible]

Another for Tom Thumb [illegible] [illegible] I shall think the letter [illegible] the Party, for I have [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] made decisions for him [illegible] and the Catalogue by [illegible] the [illegible]. I hope he is as well and happy as when I saw him.

Yours truly

Charles L. Deane

Very interesting book — Mrs. Langtry is the heroine of it. I've not finished it yet, but I've read enough to know that Lord Ranelagh and Prince Louis of Battenberg are the villains. Mr. Langtry is a "Prince Charming" with all the wicked characteristics of a Prince. I don't know if Mrs. Langtry is still living, but I hope not. If she is, she must be a very old lady by now. It's a very interesting book, and I can't imagine why it was not published before.

I've been very busy for the Catalogue October, and I'm sending it in a letter to Mr. Rose's hotel (Bonnie Doon, Airlie) by 15. 9.50. "Mr. Churchill will probably want his pick in the room. Please communicate them when they come to hand." Will you please tell Mr. Churchill from time, & he can take on the pick & choose, if he wishes, & then

I can give Bonnie Doon's address in Mr. Rose's letter, so he can write to Mr. Rose direct — or, if he likes, he can write to me & I'll send on the letter. It is very nice of you to interest Mr. Churchill in this & decorate my room.

I have not seen Mr. Reid's Lecture yet, for I was not in town.

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[illegible]

Cincinnati
Aug. 7. 1872.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I feel so much encouraged by the way you take my suggestion that I mean to go on & see what can be done. I must write to Nantucket — probably these letters & get two replies — then I will write to Mr. Aurora myself, two or three times to find out the latter's wishes. I shall do it as soon as possible so that if he comes in to the arrangement he may have the pleasant prospect — the friend will give for a long time. The months between now & next June are & will be happier by the anticipation of a return to Asheville, N. C. — that I am going to make with two dear friends, one my prime political ally, Miss Freeman, so I may just say now it will be Mr. Mr. Henry. Yes he must know early enough to make a

then then must be.

Of [illegible] is there who would have thought
is a priest family in a place like as the
island? I think it is possible he could be
invited very cordially. I know he is a very
charming man who and I sometimes
see when cap — in place of the his hands
are [illegible] — also over the rest of his
[illegible] by his hands & friends which —
he was singing as he went up & down stairs
before he had been in the house long so
any [illegible] would be delighted to have a
[illegible] from a man who could sing such
[illegible] every night and tell about
them — but there is not a single [illegible]
on the island.

Dear [illegible] [illegible] all [illegible] or
[illegible] [illegible] so far from your
[illegible] & Mr Churchill, till the time of
leaving Conley which will be [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] Conley is.

I have been [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]. Everyone was [illegible] to my mind to

Face – Why should we have any thing
to do with Epicurus & Bishop Berkeley here?
Yours my Covetous Eye roam over the
Two Folio Bible array, and I wonder if it
is one of Tonson's Costly, Goldenrod or Superforesmus,
but I fancy from the wording of your Stale-
ment that the Genius would be new to your
Catalogue so I guess Bigelow or Richard-
Clerkeis would be just as likely for you
& Mr. Churchill would be sure of that rare Mr.
and I should have seen the Entry in the
Bulletin by this time –

I have been looking over my Collection
a little within a few days and have taken
out when Dr. Swan declined – I have two
volumes Americanized Antiquarian and Curious
Essays; I am the latter is called by Mr. Dr.?
Hinton E. Wickham, Rtp. Do you remember
anything else that I wrote to send you? Dr.
Simpson with the cook? Was there one I
had promised? I have in any of my own, but Dr. Chapin would
send you a few – if he has one to spare.

In that Dance Gradiniana Lisle C. Cruikshank
Chapin is Gradiniana to Cruikshank Nay. and Cart-
good Lorna – is Two only Flakes in Mr. England, Hip

It is abundant ~~in the~~ far above the mouth of the Kaweah River. Dr. Swan has collected it, & Mr. Eaton gave me specimens from the northeastern part of the State, but not one duplicate if I remember. The plant is probably more common in N. E. than yet known.

Don't take the least trouble about the Eragrostis. It is the commonest Alkaline thing that really ought to probably be with a specimen, and they put the name into their catalogue, but the specimen we actually have now on hand was in E. Persia.

Don't hurry to answer this. I know you feel you are all two and that what leisure you have does not come till the end of the week. I am glad Mr. Churchill is out again — may this fine weather if it be true last for many a many a year.

Yours very truly

William L. Dudley.

[illegible]

that the other Manschen [illegible] have been changed.

[illegible]

[illegible] Shall [illegible]

[illegible] and then [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Hotel
[illegible] 1875.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] enthusiasm, [illegible] [illegible]. I had [illegible] to Mr. Stephens, he has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] of this city [illegible] is at Macy's and [illegible] [illegible] and it seemed to me to be [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] of Northern Italy, but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The painting was [illegible].

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Nothing but the address to be on this side.

Sydney place
Septr. 10 - 187[illegible]

I am pleased to have my opinion confirmed - One more plant for the Catalogue. And a gem too; I mean there will be any *Flowerings* in this order were, for [illegible], after such grand & edge Collection as "yours" & Mrs. B. & Mr. [illegible]. I call this gem mine because [illegible] to add not know [illegible] [illegible] found - She will have the credit of it however in the catalogue - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] little [illegible] [illegible] are 3 pretty? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] others - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]

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Mrs. Martha Wilson
5 Brompton Place
Cambridge
Mass.

I found, hidden beside the rock, Philinoris. I had never seen growing wild. Anacharis in flower and many old acquaintances. The Lizardtail is well established in the Connecticut and was in full bloom the day we found it.

All these things made me think of the undiscovered treasures in the Hamilton woods. If Mr. Foley would just take the time to help the cause of botany and the Fish. Com. I should drive him to get a safe little cow boat, mount it on wheels, put a good horse ahead as its motive power and then launch on the pond after another fall all was up-stairs. How little men realize what they do with their money.

Mr. Dean has made some additions this summer, and I think since Mr. Cundall was in his island. Yours with kind regards

W. L. Dickson

P.S. I will send you with this a fresh specimen of a Cyperus that I found in E. Litchfield. I found it in the muddy part of the Naugatuck River, where I never went before. If it proves to be what I take it to be, I may mind will want specimens. I will let you know & tell you if I need extra press, the best way to carry plants, the best wipe or other smaller plants that will go in an envelope. Press without sunshine dry them. I want this question settled for these plants too. When I get the Fall Flora work passed Gray's Manual, I mean to go for myself.

P.S. I've just made a Bouquet to Mr. Gilman & I will send it when in the morning. It is a very pretty bouquet. Hang it in the office. It will be fresh & fine in the morning. It is a good specimen of a fine spring bouquet.

All I wish is enough to keep the wolves from my door, and the Top of the pedestal to a few leaves — it quickly enough. Then is the one with grass growing at its sides? I have a recollection of being last Month. Mr. Dickinson wrote & exchanged with me, after the Collecting season is over and I have my Mayo just right.

I will send you a green from Pinetucker that seems to be American concept or approaches, and is also in Lots like the letter in this last green stage. It was found on the edge of Philipsburg Pond — if you go please look for it, if you are near there when the lady who brought it said the herd bell on the hill where the old burying ground is — the very old one of the first settlers, not a stone left now, I believe — and what down to the point from Pond and Gatehouse Road on the east side of the road north and I would say.

I will put a Pharmacetton into this letter for a name, and another little aquatic, hoping that you may know it although it has neither fruit nor flower, when some obscure little object on the pond near the top of the very top and stick.

I have been at home all summer, busy & contented. The rest on the two months of the Agawam River is the only botanical excursion I have made. That was very successful. We found Hemicarpha & Eleocharis bulbosa growing together in the Vernal pools; in the deep water several Potamogetons, but not this year

Springfield
July 8. 1886.

My dear Mr. Dean,

I return Mr. Churchill's interesting letter with many thanks. What good "finds" he reports — Mr. Wickham & Potam. Gleason's [illegible] is valuable. I will send you in return a letter from Mr. Ridgell also very interesting. When you & Mr. Churchill have read it, please send it to Mr. A. A. Dean

Morningside

"Morningside" is the Scandinavian but it has Mountain
appeared that it is better
for Mr. Ridgell to keep it on.

I collected some mountain plants to my amazed delight last week, among them Fragaria. Then I called C. aurea C. [illegible] & C. canescens, var. vitilis. I work hard at the Carices now I get this flor, and do my best on them of course, but it is for practice mostly — I don't feel sure of my results. Still very I know I am [illegible]

in them with more confidence. Nevertheless
a few days ago I had some kitchen
conversation. Your friend was in sitting
with her & could remember nothing of you —
did you know it? Her childishness was
interesting. Poor thing, she was old & alone.

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I cannot see it is injurious, but it looks
very suspicious when the lamp & coal fire-
arms have I collected in each bedroom.
I must leave it a time for I have
been more fatigued letting & write
besides one & my amanuensis.

Yours very truly
Charles L. Dodson.

Springfield Aug. 1 1887.

Please tell me what it costs in your mind, if you did, his Carol umbellata, Lark. is flourishing during your late visit. I hardly dare take up my pen at such time I feel the value of time. I think you said that the Telegram for you was to have a good question, but the time is so short, and well sure of it. Mrs I wish the Theory will be - we then the Gran Wain be Hunts as fine night be Pre charles to my a small Opinion of Pre centrine. Yours truly
Wm Mary Lincoln.

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Nota Deane
Montague
Mass.

Give your opinion and judge
Churchill's -

Trusting you all is about
Christmas time

Now dear Polly,

Ever Lovingly
Winston S. Churchill

Springfield
July 23. 1894.

Dear Mr. Adams,

I am sorry to say that I am
very sorry to be questioned for you on
Mt. Tom by Dr. Chapin. I am
sure in her mind's eye she, and
he almost, are more hurried than
usual — but Mr. Wilson is
perfectly coming in next week —
Mrs. Crocker then was he said
and did not see how he could
although
get away, he would like to meet
you and he is very fond of Mt. Tom.
Run on the westward side of the
mountain, he could tell you
everything that you would be glad
to find out if you succeed,

Cypripedium and Epipogium. I could
not tell you when I last saw
or heard of them. I was much disappointed
to see no more than this last
year. They are hard to locate, and
are on a mountain. In the
same bed Polygala Paucifolia may be
found in great abundance. This
is doing great. Cypripedium Pubescens
grows near the top, but
here it is very scarce. Polygala Sanguinea
is found there, I am
pretty sure; I never collected it
myself.

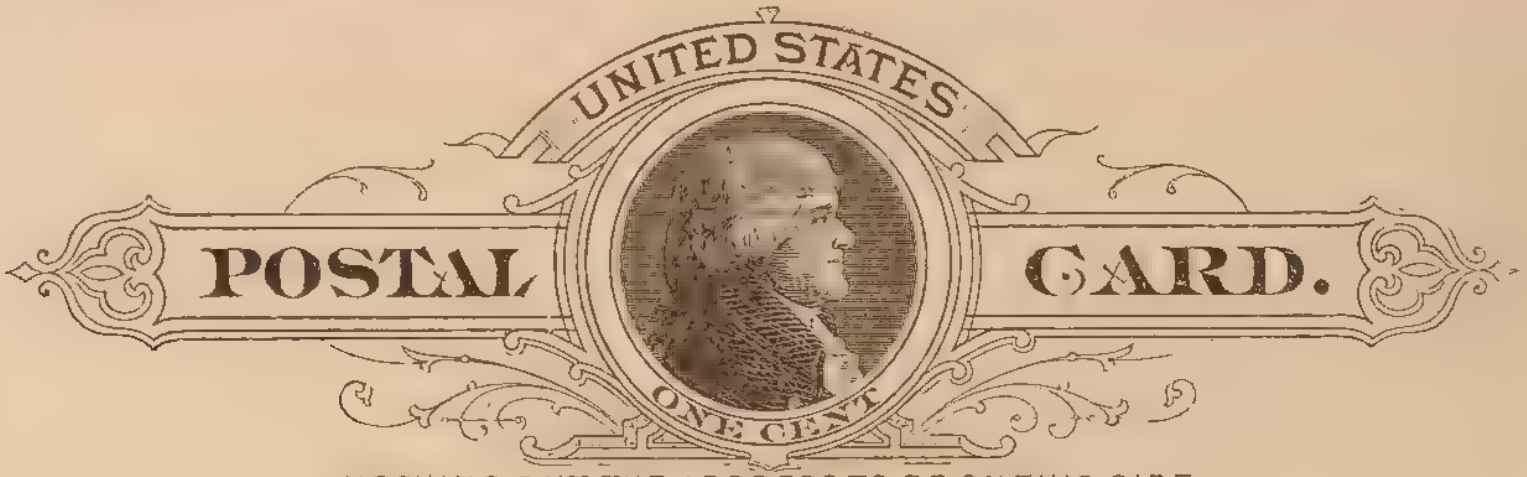
(4) For flowering plants there are
none that we call rare, but there
are southern plants that do not
grow in the eastern part of the

state. And among the ferns there
is the Climbing Fern. You will be pretty
sure to find it up somewhere north.

I will enclose some of the seed
that I mentioned in my postal
card. I have forgotten if I did
so, in the same letter that Mr. Henry
asked — but it is no matter
either for seeds is my thing.

The woodcock bag does not seem to
the taste of the squirrels, but the
squirrel only bags that is "him"
does it. The grass seed flew I had
time to weed it, and for that reason
it does not show our love of fun
the squirrels was when I saw. It was
not weeded as it looks most but
largely transplanted and the
branches stood out at a larger angle
than I have now. I should

Utricularia vulgaris is in my Eastern
has been for one minute. Would you, also
Mr. M. turned up in more or less invisible
— that was before I knew Certainly what
it was — which gave me an opportunity
to be truly thoroughly sentimental
Rightly "sarcastical". I wished that I
could expect him — the talented
height where he lived, to know what
gentle flowers, — I made note Mr. Dean
who was never very plane. He didn't know
my little joke, for he is kind & good as
you had told me. It has been a great
privilege to spend ten days with him I
have learned lots.
Rightly he found a pitcher plant he
had not been where on the island in
that small pond by the side of Tuckers
road near opposite Blossing's. It was
a treasure worth sending to Mr. Allen.
and there was plenty of it. I found a
grass Tuesday that we have never seen
Poa alsodes — if so, new to the Catalogue.
Mr. Chapin agrees, I made two in
The lady seen out west with her white
boy was Miss Tilt. She brought an Utricularia
vulgaris from a new locality — The Indian name
is Wannacomet — The Washing Pond. Regards
to your wife. Very truly Mr. Lewis



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Mr. Walter Deane
Care of Mrs. Joseph Russell
Montague
Mass.

[illegible] and accomplishments
[illegible] are yours.

Yours very truly,

Louis L. Cole.

I believe Mr. Thornton's will turn you need not return.

I shall hear from Winterbottom this week I feel sure, and then I hope I will be able to see you on Monday, even if it is not to decide as I hope it will be — <u>finally</u> decide I mean.

For delightful it is to see a man of Mr. Gray's age living life as he does, and thinking it time if anything he can and pushing here and there in his country. If he be he will have to lessen

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Chicago,
Feb. 20. 1897.

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Did you ever tell me who Lord Mayor of London? and have you names on Card and no? We have one card in our Fair. We need each day & the more we have, the better. President Dr. Gunsaulus, says he said it in Chicago, Cleveland, Taylor & Co. & he also in Tribune & Herald.

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I have sent you my photograph in little pile up. I will send some Pictures Tomorrow I think I can manage it. We had no Pictures yesterday in the Fair — I like you will do better in Chicago Prof. I send also to Pittsburgh for a picture, and the two New York also for a picture. I selected the one from the Lake Shore & the Chicago Times as the best. Now these two are very good — I did not tell I saw the Photo. Yes it is a common thing, but I think you have made a poser on it. Mark see all from the Constitution, but the Times — the Times, I suppose are your "Centennial" & I hope I have made one of Them.

Did Judge Churchill tell you that he had found out who that our Bronze Medal was to Centennial? and that I wanted it? Guess it has very force of his "Centennial Medal"?

Oh Dear I my mind is not easy yet for Mr. William Merrill will be Mr. H. H. Johnson's Alternate he may also miss, and I see from that I may not have the Gold Medal Exhibitor. I think have from you the opinion

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I have heard nothing from
Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. I guess she is [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — the [illegible]
[illegible] is a good [illegible] [illegible]. I have
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — she is a
[illegible] [illegible] of Mrs. [illegible],
and I have been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].

Then the Catalogue — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].

This Catalogue		[illegible]
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The citizens of Springfield will have reason to remember long and gratefully their shy and silent townsman, who met his death so suddenly and tragically, in the quiet of his own chamber, last Monday morning. William Merrick has builded a nobler memorial for himself in his native city than any man who has gone before him. He was a wise and careful husbandman of his inheritance, and has left it, increased an hundred fold, in a way that will insure lasting benefits to those who stand in need of help. His will is to be commended not only for its generous provisions but for its clear and sensible form.

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[illegible] lived near [illegible]

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I enclose [illegible]

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that I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] & [illegible] in the [illegible]

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[illegible] of Galileo!! The Full Case in
their Letters! Can be put upon
Record now for Time. But I am
[illegible] to no [illegible] to be able
[illegible] information. I hope to
[illegible] the [illegible] Island. [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]. W. L. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
5 Brewster Place
Cambridge
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But what I want, you will find on a sheet by itself; I have left room for you to write the answers on the same sheet, from part as easy as possible. Take your own time for it.

I have made out a list of the plants

[illegible]

[illegible] Prof. [illegible] Prof. [illegible] the Coming Season.

[illegible]

as you noticed there are kinds to grow on the island — more than fifty. Fourteen of them have been reported [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] pleasure for me to send them [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] comes under the latter head.

Then on the same sheet I have asked questions about eight other plants which are known to grow in this island — some of them very common.

I shall give a copy of this list to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this evening. Where I have two good specimens I shall send one to [illegible], and [illegible] them all to be in the [illegible] for these [illegible]. I had an interesting letter from Mr. Dame the other day. He gave me a list

varieties. Ranunculus Ewellianus, Polygonum nanosciadum, & Aspen officinalis var. minor, now to be seen at Princeton College, & var. minus. Mr. Dana found & kindly has distributed specimens of the var. Alnus incana more frequent than the species in the N. of E. We all give up the Ch. without a murmur of course, but we do not bring repeated lists on from year to year for detailed specimens. We can never keep in Mr. Gray's list in Muller's nomenclator. R. B.

I am very much obliged for your revision & correction of Mr. Ruffin's name, and the more "Pleased" I am that he is one. I hope you will see Dr. Torrey & all the rest of my friends & beg Mr. Rev. will give my name, if I were living in Texas I would be a collector myself. As it is I shall want to name the herbarium through which the varieties are scattered. Most of our Sp'd Bot. Soc. contains a number of them that I have put in. My regards to Mr. & Mrs. Prescott.

Very truly Yours, Charles C. Parry

Springfield, Nov 27. 1858.

Dear Mr. Dean,

You can get a Catalogue of Miss F. F. Barnard, Athenæum Library, Hartford — price 75 cts. postage paid.

Hold up your courage — after the "rain, rain, rain" for only 5 days that patience has worked her way down with me, and I go & come in storm & sleet, like a bobbin duck. With all that, however, I often think of Mr. Horne, and am glad that we, for one, is out of this deluge. I have not heard the least thing from him — not that I think expedition about him, and I did think that the Lowell Bulletin would give us some inkling of his progress occasionally.

Yours very truly M. L. Dean.

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Mr. Walter Deane
5 Brewster Place
Cambridge
Mass -

Hope you will be able to [illegible]
time. With [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible].

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

Hartford, Sept. 27, 188[illegible]

Dear Mr. Deane,

I snatch a few minutes for a hasty reply to your letter. I have not heard from my Deahan friends about that blank.

Intermission at the [illegible] in Springfield. Have [illegible] your letter last night [illegible] in my room last evening. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] of Mr. Stephen Simmons & Mr. Hobbs. The date was [illegible], but the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

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Prof. W. O. Crosby, Mass. Institute of Technology, Boston.

76 Marlboro' St.
Sept. 14. 1888.

Dear Mr. Deane,

If you can call conveniently Sunday afternoon, I should be very glad to see you. Morning & evening I shall go to church, but shall be at home all the afternoon. I have a plant that I don't know to show you, and four of the five new Nantucket plants. I have also a letter from Miss Kite the discoverer.

She wants to make an Herbarium of the plants of Nantucket for the Nant. Athenaeum. I want to talk that plan over.

Please remember me to your wife. I should be glad if she would come with you; with strict impartiality I would talk botany only half the time, and in that half my daughter would be pleased to make her acquaintance.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

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Mr. Walter Dean
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In the time, for I was surprised to find that mine was not first, but there were papers so much earlier.

I will raise for 50 cts., a sign which for a little may find that, when he considers that electric lighting costs more than the evening star, and that a book edition limited to 400 copies comes very much higher on each copy than a large one. He will then be interested in addressing

Miss Barnard
Museum Library
Wilmington.

He will forward a
copy post-paid for any addition on receipt of the price.

I should be sorry to have our correspondence close entirely, for this is the main thing: that we keep in touch. My mail became quite irregular; however

Springfield, Mass. 1897.

Your kind remarks about the catalogue are gratifying. I see now some things that I might have done & will in addition, some day, if I should live to do it, improve it. Perhaps it would be better if it could be made more full & more fair. We can be perfectly satisfied with his work, I think.

It is not but a question of view. Mere bibliography is more exact than it has been, but it is not the same. It is clear it has come out no worse than it actually is. Some of the members notice Avedi's Sorcier-

Carlyle's remarks in his Essays & Sartor Resartus, though I don't know the thoughtless criticism of Lowell, certainly an article in the Westminster entitled "The Poets" & "Sartor Resartus". You called me another occasion wished again for the preservation of your wild Hebrew; I shall be very glad if anything I have written can really lead to such a good result.

I value Mr. Morong's observations as you do, but as all Hamlets will; the use of the word may be debatable enough, but the French Essay in Sartor Mr. Morong tells me is.

I do not know if he gave me the Essay Sketches, but is very forcibly reliable — the author was old from good Edinburgh. I have kept all my letters till my friend I met on the Catalogue, and if I ever, ever have time, it will be a pleasant task to go over & review them & select some admirable notes & remarks for the Book days of my own interleaved Bible; I shall do this just in the name of the India in Dreamy Land. Why, I don't know, but it seems it? I suppose Hebrew has very no indication that the Spirit may dwell, and yet I never knew it myself.

I have my Lord a Third Thou

Springfield Jan 25. 88

My dear Mr. Stone

The critique is in Cass's hands, and I have been making this time & strange friends. Some pertinent corrections.

The only Mr. Stone wish is that you had been the first & actual one to the field, and so be able instead of the cooper the cass.

I have meant all along to distinguish the Elis, relative to Nothing from an intuitive life, and if the printing had been done here I could have seen the sheets sometimes from the week and had the critical finishing all done by me. But the general effect was

ready for I could pick up a transition on that one for some of the things I would have liked. But when the inbound boxes did come they will take attention of the finder and I keep his word I shall visit you on Saturday.

This was I'd a little bundle, but I had to all Mr. Dana have two cups of Pa, Ma; I am what advantage I could however gain no encouraged confidence by consulting him about the finding, and I have followed his suggestions. He will be sent one of more till notes when he is in Cincinnati and I hope you may find the Dawn leaves which in the same box.

The man who is one of the Cincinnati or the Bethel Union or in Judge Churchill's Confessions Office you have one of your own Tors with the exclamation. Just enough the light was not stir up an evil stirring.

I don't know whether I shall get a Cincinnati Tor year; I remain so hope I remain in my care. Mr. Dana is in Bloomingdale on the Beach.

I hope you and your will be enjoying your vacation. With my respects to Mr.

Your most truly

Marion Lewis.

Springfield June 29. 1888.

Dear Mr. Deane,

[illegible] told me today that he was going to Mt. [illegible] Saturday, July 7, to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] until Monday. Friday Aug. 3. [illegible] & go again with his wife, and plan three or four weeks in Europe. It will be too late for [illegible] then. [illegible] he would be [illegible] to [illegible] after one [illegible] & our returns. Please [illegible] July [illegible] [illegible]

The Catalogue [illegible] – [illegible]

[illegible] have occurred? I [illegible] [illegible] on our Summer Tour. Please [illegible] July 10 – [illegible] [illegible] M.L.D.

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Dean
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Springfield, Mass, 30. 188-

Dear Mr. Deane,

The architect of the Worthington Church is my son, and as it is his first work I am in hopes that he can take charge alone and he was the last night. When the plans are completed, or have been more much more upon it in the morning. Hoping to hear from you in a few days I remain

Respectfully yours

P.S. I have my thanks for your letter of Mr. Gray — I am in my left. I have written quite on hand upon, Brooklyn and the Patchers and of course by letter. Mrs Tatty There are no [illegible] and it

Yes I did not have your article, but I have every one of your lectures the Home Principal Entertainer. Yes I am a Tri Cities. Yes I should, yes I appreciate your kind interest in my work, in all your efforts.

Did you see Dear a Photo Memorial of Mrs. Fyte, the wife of the Historian? Even if I knew you not I should love you for your re-service in note Tree the wife Mr. Alan Fowler.

"A Thousand Thanks for the Home Deane Travelle. You are one of those individuals I have known in my life, who I consider of the Man of Business as more a Thing Complete of Man. It is true. Many friends wished to do more for me, but not to would have accepted this Invitation. Oh, Cool Prudent and Practicability — wait!

am glad of the chance to clear me-
self to you quite unofficially, as I am in
Washington, for I fear the worst will
be done by the mailing time. It
is a great disappointment to me, for
the work is
this which was to be my chance to make be-
fore some of the people. The Minister
will be bound to feel that I wasted
the chance it gave me, and that cannot be
without embarrassment and consideration
for him and someone else, that
cannot be explained by letter.

But into the minute the passage
from I don't know, or even remain,
but after mature consideration, without
any selection. When you read it in cold
blood, you will see that as I was read-
ing it, there was a the television character
of the thing, allowing Dr. Gray's testimony
that was been in vain, anything
more in the way of having my reputa-
tion of the Encyclopedia of the great

Methodist would have interrupted the
right side from degree of interest then;
I am sure you will see it in it as
then you read it again. Then I found
along to be when I cannot find in fact
a passage as you suggested. This
volume is mentioned in the text of the
side of Tom Tom Hickins Hopkins
Questions, and I might have added
something like this, — "Before where the
"Tom Tom Hopkins of the Finland was
in Paris to last Mayor the Minister
interest." But Tom would have then
been — [illegible] — anything that I
could say of General Hickins would
be — [illegible] — I think not Tom, and it
seems to me now that anything that
I could have put of Hickins in a Mayor
today in the Book of Nationalities — it would
mislead the reading. I have explained my
course to Dr. Gray in the note that
because you will notice in these things

time.

You must be very busy now to have the rest of the Black Tom, and perhaps have you taking more for publication. Mr. Edmund Gosse has been giving it considerable of his valuable (yet flattering) opinion, & I have no doubt Fortune will smile upon Black Tom & Mary in time.

With kind regards & wishes for your health & happiness

Yours very truly,

Thomas Hardy.

There is a wish Mrs. Forte's more embracing, for the book would have been "your" where he says "Hardy" & he had had the pleasure of knowing you. Your faithful answers & my questions! — I shall never hope that kindness and I know — more better — the "zeal and tenacity" that is yours, but I keep the hope, & I shall have no room for any thing else.

I have a good deal of writing & will endeavor to be more free in notes on the papers with my lapis attached. And hence Mr. Gosse has sent from Wimpole. The little name seemed to me so significant and gave such dignity to my papers that I was inclined to cribble by your leave — Mr. Gosse has ever encouraged me — and now he has kindly the Review in question

father to my idea.

When you read the Hebrew again you will see some passages changed that I had overlooked. For I think in every case it was a question of style, not of [illegible] or [illegible], and I had a kind of question in the expression in the text. There are sometimes [illegible] changes? [illegible] like this — I mean to [illegible] the [illegible] — "I know [illegible], [illegible] my [illegible]."

Here and there you will find changes that I made after you ad[illegible] — a number of these improvements.

I got the Epigrams back and the [illegible] one — Thanks for this. I wrote to Mr. Carey to [illegible] a [illegible] reply, then [illegible] to Mr. [illegible] because I [illegible] all so much that he had [illegible] his [illegible] of the Greek Epigrams in the [illegible] Anthology. Why have you [illegible] me to [illegible] that [illegible] con[illegible] from [illegible] of my [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible], I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible]. I wrote to Professor [illegible] and from his reply [illegible] in the additional [illegible] [illegible]. The Catalogue may be [illegible] good or bad, but I have done every single thing in my power to [illegible] in the [illegible]. [illegible] is a good deal of [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] Mr. Collins [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] Thomas [illegible] [illegible] I shall be glad when it is

[illegible]

Yours very truly

Springfield April 30. 188[illegible].

I suppose the Genius Editorial leaves to Mr. Lincoln to be done. Can you tell me? Perhaps the Gentle or simple Tom will be made to Tell the Truth. Well this Tempest in a Teapot will be over soon.

It seems now as if the Virginia mighty Mpin in a day or two, and it will probably be done in Chicago. I better close Tomorrow with answering my Last Question and then I shall Either write the more. Yours Truly

Your article in the Bulletin on Dr. Gray was very good — I'm [illegible] telling all the big Thunder. I'd like to have permit Jake Bode a extra one.

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Dana
5 Newton Place
Springfield
Mass.

Eid May 10. 88

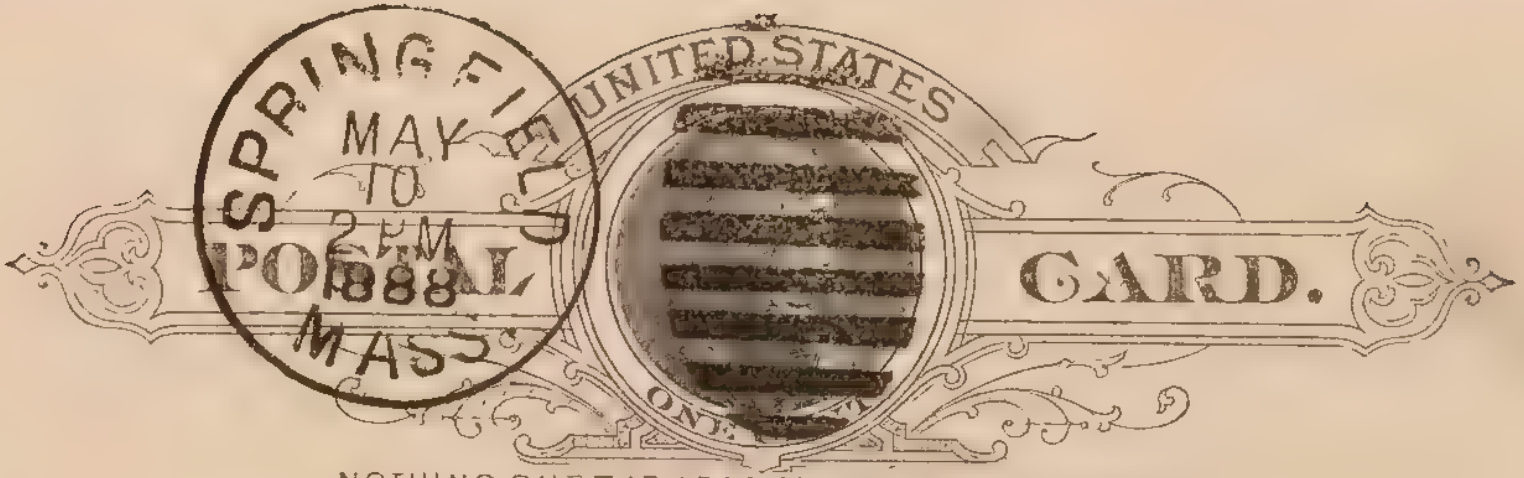
Dear Helicocharis may I then now, if I may so well establish that I not rather use it instead of Che——?

Leviamum, Fries ucciso. Fraulo.

They are doing with them they carried on in Tottenham in have the bones visited, and in more City Today and think they Can pass my Practly.

Yours C.J.

P.S. Oh! I understand it, Ranunculus auriganus, not. is not R. abi-
nodolum, Geyer, because this latter is not in the country, and R. auriganus
is E. U. is always a Cuckoo.



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Mr. Walter Crane
5 Fewster Place
Cambridge
Mass

in the summer on Mt. Toby, in camp, and if I find that he is going to do the same this year I will let you know of the time, but it is early to be thinking of such things — Mr. S. will form no plan for his little vacation till the time is near at hand.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Roxbury, April 15. 1888.

Dear Mr. Deane,

My daughter had the MS. of the Catalogue ready for me, and I have read, though only hastily, your answers to my many queries. I understand very well that it must have taken many hours for you to collect this and then write down all that information; I thank you very much and assure you that I appreciate fully the help that you and Mr. Dame have given me — whatever credit the Catalogue may gain, you and he will deserve much of it, and I shall never be backward in acknowledging it.

I took the sheets to Mr. Barrows, Mr. Dame's printer, and got his

estimate of the cost of bringing it out.

300 copies, 64 pp. same style and work as "Middlesex Flora" for $100.00. Additional pages $1.55 each. Each 100 copies in excess of 300 $1.000.

Saturday I was at the office a second time and met Mr. Dame there. He advises me to secure myself against loss in the publication by getting subscriptions for the work beforehand as he did for his. I am not willing to send out a circular, but I think I may perhaps advertise in the Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror, and accomplish about as much as I should by a circular letter. I shall attend to that as soon as possible, and then shall finish the catalogue, and make it all ready for printing. I begin to fear that I shall get nothing more from Mr. Morong, as his time is so taken up. I am sorry, for anything from a man of his high rank in the science would add a great deal to my little work.

April 16. I am ready to sing and dance this morning for Mr. Morong's notes have come! You don't know — you can't know, how nice they are. If the friend were only here who threw up his hat for me when I found those splendid plants of Woodwardia, I am sure he would repeat his kind act with vigor.

I enclose all that I learned from Dr. Chapin about Br. simplex.

Mr. Hibbins frequently spends a fortnight

Springfield Mass. 9. 1888

Dear Mr. Dana,

I am going to Boston Wednesday of this week, and when you advise me to the contrary, I will take my catalogue to your publisher or printer to get his estimate. If you fill out the U.S. blank and in to me address, 25 Landers Ave. Springfield care of Mr. Mary G. Tallant. If you have already sent it to Mr. Deane I can easily get it from him. Thursday morning will be early enough for me to have the catalogue. Please let me know who your publisher is, and take any advice that comes into your hands. Yours very much Yours truly W. L. Dana

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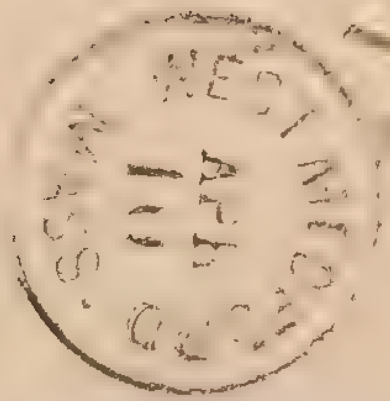
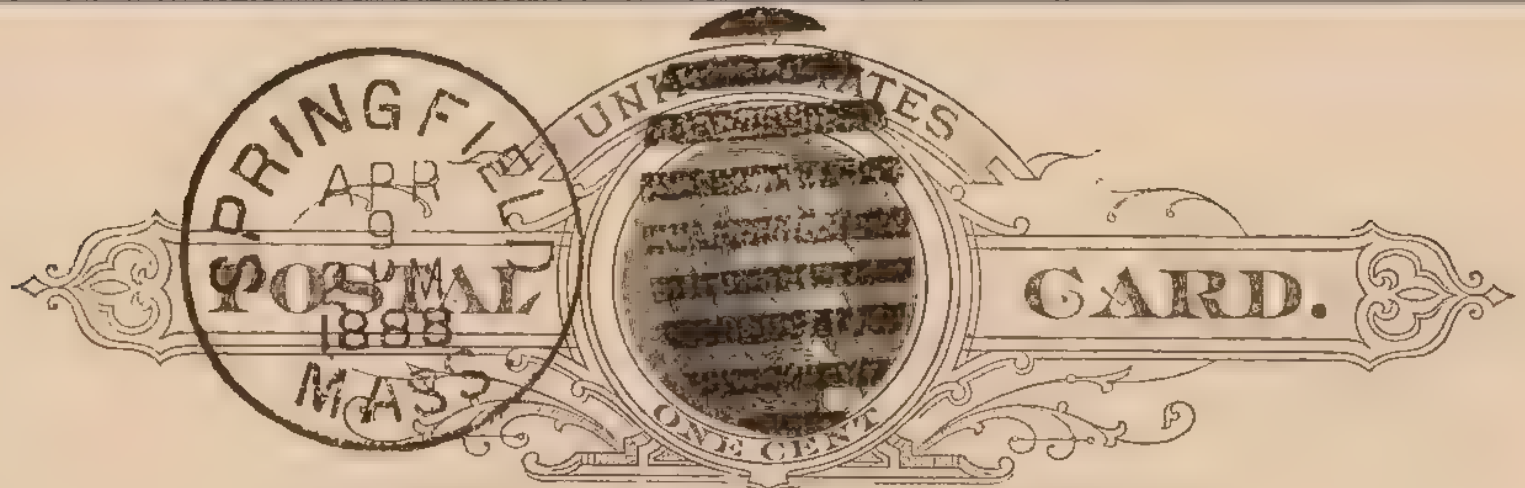


Springfield, Apr. 9, 1888

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am going to Boston this week and want to take my Catalogue to a publisher or printer for estimates of cost. If it is in your hands now, I should like to borrow it — will send it back if you have not had time to examine it. Please notify my daughter & she will send for it, sending me at the same time the Br. American shells. You will find the specimens good enough from a scientific point of view, but aesthetically not so satisfactory. Professional collectors will take such pains with their specimens as amateurs and indeed they cannot be much blamed about the matter. I have to compute for the Hymen Bulletin, — can tell me the Pacific R. R. Europe and I can decide from them what to call our Dentalias. Mr. Chenoweth shall have what I can learn about Cockerell & Dr. Binder in good season. July 4. is about the time to catch us. Mr. L. D.



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Mr. Walter Deane
5 Brewster Place
Cambridge
Mass.

Southwestern and Pillsbury for
Charles, not in Gray's Manual.
I think I have not answered your
last letter which contained Mr Porter's
list. Epilobium [illegible] was, as you
supposed, a mistake, and the
[illegible] in his list, under the Canby's
have not been reported before.

Mr. Macoun is going to send me
some more plants before he sends
on his annual collecting tour. He
[illegible] before this sent at random, for
he asked me merely what orders I
would like to have represented — a
better if preferred pretty or rare
specimens. What do you think I
told him? I leave the question
with you, feeling like a second
Columbus with his "eggs or steer"
puzzle.

I suppose a quotation of the poem —
is in bad — [illegible] you a nice week or
[illegible] time. Yours truly, William [illegible]

Springfield, Mass. 15. 87

Dear Mr. Clark

I have been to Mr. [illegible]
New Catalogue & Mr. Farwell
[illegible] and it & you when
he has finished his examination
of it. I have asked him to send
along with the Catalogue the al-
ternative letter as it was
written for you as well as for him,
so I say no more about that.
When you have finished, instead
of sending it to me, I would
like to have you return my
daughter that you have had
with it, and she will send a
man to your school for it —
that is, if you will bring it [illegible]

[illegible] in your hand. I am
going to Boston in April, and if
I have the "Bot. Press", so that all
the one need of sending in it can only
be the Carex [illegible] in a few
days.

I can give you a few herbarium
specimens of the Manual, only the
[illegible] from British America [illegible]
the U. S. I will give you a list
now if you want any or all to me
[illegible], and they shall be sent [illegible]
your check & the messenger [illegible]
will go for the [illegible].

Allium cernuum
Lilium Philadelphicum
Camassia Leichtlinii, Watson
in Manual C. Fraseri, Torr.

When I omit the authority for the
name it is the same as in the Manual.
Saxifraga [illegible]
Saxifraga [illegible]
Dryas octopetala, var. integrifolia
with the authority "G. & L." is
read in error. I think it [illegible] this
Dryas is the same as D. integrifolia, Vahl.
in the Manual. Under the same [illegible]
[illegible] re-discovered on the White Mts. or
[illegible] elsewhere in the U. S. we have
specimens in our herbaria of foreign
specimens.

Willia [illegible], [illegible]. If I read the
letters right) var. mollis, Wat. I think
this is Spiraea [illegible], in the Manual.
Sibbaldia procumbens.

Petalostemon candidus
P. violaceus

Astragalus alpinus

Then I could add if you wanted them,
some Astragalus, other Saxifrages,
Alliums & Spiraeas, a Potentilla,
some trefoils, roses, [illegible], lilies,

[illegible] there, and [illegible] to [illegible] well, [illegible] in a different style from [illegible] [illegible], and I believe they would be willing to undertake this &c. But I will [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] to spend a week in Town in the early part of [illegible] and I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] an estimate of cost. But it is not certain their publication will follow quickly. I will [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] the different [illegible] between the little form of [illegible] [illegible] a single botanist, and the large, [illegible] [illegible] of ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible], in perhaps a single [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] would want a Catalogue. I will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] addition [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as a botanist of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the exhibition, but I

[illegible] Jan. 11. 18[illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible],

The Catalogue and [illegible] have been [illegible], as the title of the [illegible], there are still a few verbal alterations of the [illegible] — I would not allow the word "[illegible]" to appear [illegible] [illegible] in a single line as is done in the "Publication of the [illegible]", for I [illegible] to see the whole thing [illegible] for a little while. You will see by the [illegible] proofs, the [illegible] "Explanations" &c. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and corrected [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have been made. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] Edition [illegible] [illegible] parts, suggest [illegible] [illegible]

think I may be able and willing
to do anything that lies in my
power that I can to assist
your cause in the Revolution
and relieve your
I am; I am
will be always ready, for I am
of leave of my school then the
time be come.

At Mr. Thomas's request I have
to tell that one the letter on the
Boston which is promised.
Mr. Collins has his seat of the
state in mind certain.

When Spring the Campaign,
from Cu. I what there much Exp-
ence of, I should have been glad to
to stay if you had been at home,
but you will find the best ob-
tained with them. Give me more
opportunity for you to know the
island & look, till then farewell

Write from where & when & address
Our friends be successful, have
Cash by Mr. Clark
and the Catalogue of Mr. Clark
if you will let the Editor of
I have no time of write the Book
time me of him.

(and Clerk Mr. Gray & Co. for
an estimate of the cost of bringing
out the book; they are fire-Mass
Printers — authors to, — and they
do a large amount of business,
for they are credible, & take hold
of fair work. Mr. Gray said they were
not what of Mass work. And the
Mass Charitable Fund also
Spring work. They need in 5 years
& the good Mind the Editor and
Precise direction from I should find
them, for I wish to make the arr-
O. E. Bridgman & Co. in Cambridge
Printed,

[illegible] in Plain Language [illegible]
[illegible] Being a Cult [illegible]

I have the pleasure to receive your [illegible] suggestions about [illegible] and means of obtaining the cult of [illegible]. For I have not been able to [illegible] in the English language, for I want to keep it all through the book.

So I commit it to you and [illegible] for examination as [illegible] and for criticism on all points and not merely [illegible] to which my questions call your attention.

Yours very truly,

William Lilly.

Mr. [illegible] is
[illegible] Mr.
[illegible]

[illegible], June 2, 1881.

My Dear Friend,

I am writing alone, having sent the Catalogue away. I take it home for your inspection & the Board's, & the 20th of the month. Then it will be ready for the Collections was paid.

I wrote to Mr. Foster a day or two ago, and then came his answer this morning, brought a little further. He is anxious that you take him up his views you gave him. Perhaps what you had given us the help of them, and today you made he wrote to me in such kind & pleasant way that you, & I very sir to Convince [illegible] that you are right. I

Look for the letter — [illegible]

Catalogue. I am also [illegible] of
going to ask you to please [illegible] the
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] when I come.
What I think is most [illegible] them
is the binding, they need them more
under them. So if you do not receive
them soon I shall think it would
be well to place in one to ask them
to send them by mail. It will [illegible]
to be late to make additions for
many weeks till the demand [illegible]
[illegible] them [illegible].

I have interspersed the sheets of
the Catalogue with leaflets
containing queries & memoranda
addressed to you & Mr. Stone.
As I am writing I will enclose
two of them that you may give
the desired information at your
leisure.

I spent a few days in Boston last
month, and may make a little trip
there to see the [illegible] of [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]; I do what I can for
from doing some catalogue work,
and expect [illegible] this experiment!
Of the [illegible] have been [illegible]
I should have liked to see you on
last Thursday, but it was so rainy
that I did not go down as
much as usual.

With best regards to you and
your wife
Yours very truly
[illegible]

Springfield, Feb. 12. 1889

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have just had a call from an old friend of mine Rev. G. W. Perry of Portland, Me., and while the interest is fresh & lively in my mind I want to tell you of a plan of his, which you may be able to help. He would like to take a party of boys on some vacation trip in our own country, - he says across the continent, but if some other trip would suit the parents better - say to the Lake Superior region, Yellowstone Park, Colorado, or elsewhere I suppose he would willingly fall in with their wishes. However, "across the continent", is what he said. Now I will tell you what qualifications he has for making such a trip delightful & instructive. He is very fond of natural history in any form, but he is, in particular

Collections & then starts out again. He told me how much he would enjoy such a trip as he described, but the trouble was that he had as yet made no signal connection - the men who would put their sons with him didn't know him. They must be rich men, who could pay him for his time just as they pay any tutor or teacher, for I hardly need tell you that he is poor - are not these universal geniuses always poor? I said nothing except to wish him well in a general way, but I determined in my mind to ask you if such a party could be made up from your boys & friends of theirs. Mr. Perry could easily take charge of a dozen he says if they were obedient & trusty, and a bad boy he would not take on any terms.

Now I write without his knowledge, and if you cannot further this plan, why, there will be no hopes disappointed; Mr. Perry is going to use such agencies as he can find himself,

a good botanist and geologist; he is State geologist for Vermont. He is a good photographer, and from photographing scenery, that sense which sees quickly the picturesque bit in a landscape is highly developed in him. He is a well-informed man in all directions, would be very capable of interesting the boys in the history, political &c., of the places where stops were made. He is a man not much over forty I should judge, in good health, very active in body, quick & inventive in mind, ready to meet an emergency. He is married and has children of his own, and has a remarkable faculty of getting along well with boys. For the last three years he has taken a party of them from Rutland to Queen City Park on the shore of Lake Champlain; — twelve went the first year, twenty-five the second, twenty-five the third, and from every body in Rutland he could get the highest testimonials of his thorough fitness to take boys anywhere. His stories of camping-out and camping it are as fascinating as chapters of Robinson Crusoe — I can't even begin on them in a letter. He is thoroughly fond of boys and believes in them, and always cheerful and entertaining. He is a Universalist minister, and preaches well I am told — I heard him once & liked him; he was settled here for a while and it was then that we became acquainted through our botanical society. But he is not in his right place as a minister, I really know why; I am sure he always does his young people of his parish much good by his lectures &c. he can make his own stereopticon views to illustrate anything, and he lectures sometimes on astronomy & again on botany or minerals or what not. Perhaps he might have been a collector for some institution to go out like Mr. Morong, come home & arrange his

but I thought that if you could help him at all, you would do an equal favor to the other parties, — men who would be glad to have their boys so well provided for in vacation. This letter is all that I propose to contribute to the cause. If you could and would help him, I should want to give him a letter of introduction to you and after that he could make his own way. He goes to Boston occasionally on business, and he would take one of those times to call on you at your house or your School as you might prefer.

This for that, but if any parents want to send their boys east instead of west my daughter is going in June to spend the summer in England to the north of France with her brother, and would take two good boys along. Walter is an architect and would study and sketch the notable buildings that they visited — he sketches rapidly & well, and is competent to instruct in that art,

He is very fond of boys and a great favorite with them; his morals & manners are all right — no end of testimonials I have seen from Springfield, Boston & New-York — he does his work well. As for Amelia she is a pink of propriety — not a Pill, me rather, and she likes him, and speaks French well enough to keep the party up if it will in France. More particulars if desired. Her passage is engaged and any who are going in June have to attend to it in good season, as the steamers carry but a full complement of passengers in that month.

I read Mr. Morris's interesting letter in the last Bulletin. He seems to have begun well, except for pouring that nettle, and I hope he will give us equally good news every month.

Don't feel obliged to answer this intensely personal letter in a hurry — take your own time. When you do write I hope you can tell me that your wife is entirely well again, with any other pleasant news that you think of. Regard to both of you from your sincere friend

Mann S. Quad

Springfield June 5. 1889

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send back part of the correspondence that you kindly lent me. I am keeping back the other two letters to read parts of them at the meeting of our little botanical society next Friday, for which I assume your consent. There is nothing private in them, I see, and lately I shall not send

the white, but the account in the papers, here, thunder storms terribly & cutting across the blue and lilac, though in course a rainy one, is the strangest encountered by visitors, something of which we never think till it is thrown right before us.

I was in the Botanic Garden last week, walked through the greenhouses & saw many orchids new to me, my visits there seldom clashing as this season of the year. Monday morning I went over to Burnside & Mr. Dawson took me over the grounds and showed me Barney & Mary from every corner of the earth. Did I give you the name of the bird that every one of these rainbow birds has? No - but I do now.

When leaving on Saturday I will mail the other letter.

With thanks more & more than

Yours very truly Maria L. Dow

Springfield June 9. 1887

Dear Mr. Deane,

I return with thanks Mr. M's letter. They were listened to with much interest at the Bot. Society Friday, & all admired the cheerful spirit with which he bore his discomfort & the energy with which he carried out his plans. There is one pest & horror — snakes — that he does not mention. I should have supposed that the woods would be full of them & I should dread them more than there thunder storms —

I am sorry to, Mr. Dawson at the Wonted Corporation told me his name, & I looked in the Library — the Manual — & make sure that it is *ulmus rubra* & not *Alba*.

Your school seems to hold a little longer than the girls' school. My daughter came home yesterday & will sail for Europe next week to meet her brother & spend the summer with him in England & France. I hope your vacation will give you & your wife just the rest you need to make you as strong & well as ever by the end of it. With kind regards to both

Yours very truly Marion L. Owen

I thought I would carry out Mr. Murray's wishes if I showed his letter about introducing American manufactures into So. America to some editor. So I let Mr. Shipley of the So. Union read it. I would not allow him to copy anything nor to mention any names, for it was not my letter & I felt that it would be taking too great a liberty to let him as those things, but I told him he might make an editorial out of the fact if he chose. I hope you will not disapprove of this proceeding.

I sent a copy of my Catalogue to Ashland for Mr. Murray the very day that I received copies from the printer, though I was pretty sure that he had got as far as New York on back. & he does not find it laid up for him when he comes back I shall send him another.

Mons. Aubry, Le it must be, for

But in this world I could manage to call back the delicious freshness of my youthful studies by going to a new region as Mr. Moore has, though I should choose Colorado where my friend Miss Freeman collected some 400 new things two years ago.

But my Iris from which I have strayed — if you have any views about it do let me know when you have leisure by & by — up in Jaffrey perhaps, where I hope you & your wife will have a lovely time.

Yours with kind regards

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield June 19. 1889.

My dear Mr. Deane,

When I was in Nantucket last summer I heard about a yellow iris growing wild, and a few days ago one of my good friends sent me specimens. Of course those short-lived & soft-petalled flowers were curled up & decayed beyond recognition, but two of the large buds bloomed in water and I pressed them. They came from the Lily Pond which is back of Lily Street, and the back yards of the houses in that street run down toward the pond, which is not so far off but that garden plants might easily make their way to it, and irises would take to water as you know

as naturally as ducks. This is very likely some species that has been raised for ornament, although from the very small size of the inner divisions of the perianth, it is not as known as most of the garden irises. I don't know any of the cultivated ones by their specific name, but this may be the I. pseudacorus described in Dr. Gray's "Field, Forest & Garden Botany". It has no beard nor crest; I have no leaves, but will send you what I received from Nantucket, showing the spathe.

But how can I help looking with longing eyes at the short description of I. cuprea, which is also beardless & crestless? "Copperish-yellow" — these from N. are a pretty bright yellow but they have copper-colored veins in the outer divisions of the perianth.

I had a letter from Prof. Eaton last November, pleasant all the way through, but with one charming passage so uproarious in this case that I must quote it. "How pleasant it would be" he says "to forget all one's botany & have to learn it all over again! To gather the flowers of early spring & study them out — to learn anew the distinction between anemone & Erodictium — to bring home Viola Canina & try to persuade one's self that the spurs were so long that it must be V. rostrata!!" Such thoughts show the true lover of the fair science, but for myself I want to hold on to all I know, at any rate in this short life; when I walk among the asphodels of the heavenly meads I shall be willing enough to peep in among

Prince Albert, Sept. 1. 1897.

Dear Mr. Clark

I have your card & find you the Indian Pictures. I've let your Mother have to give to Mr. Stutus. I think you may like to have me Picture for myself, which Mark — the first time in little Saskatchewan which you will see.

We are hoping most in a Collection about very soon as in no time I'll — You have the merit of Being the Only Man who Tickles my children in, they are lady, good & mine, for I had my wife & a number of lady Partners & Two Boys & my Tempe & Prest in the Circle, but Peter & Tom are I'm sure they will be in his Sure Nobody.

Yours very truly

Walter E. Jones.

I wish to write to measure if the
normal growth was developed also
but I find it is only the dead
trees have taken the children on.
I will be very delighted in 1913.

I believe you have your own
time to return. I hope you
will have a very pleasant time, and
that you will be able to see
and enjoy the Queen while
there.

With the regards of Mr
your very truly
[illegible]

P.S. Please excuse the circulous envelope.
I left the Pelican office walking and
had no another than.

And now I had to cut down the size of
the letter.

Yours faithfully, June 7, 1912.

Now, [illegible]
I came from [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of the
[illegible] and the other
I [illegible] in form of the [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] they had
[illegible] of the [illegible]. I called the
[illegible] of Eschscholtzia, called [illegible]
the new [illegible] of Lathyrus, and I
[illegible] is about [illegible]
[illegible] I do. Though [illegible] is another
[illegible] in the new [illegible] not [illegible]
[illegible] described, with which [illegible]
[illegible] size of [illegible] of finding [illegible]
[illegible] plant of [illegible] very more than
[illegible] high [illegible] seed. [illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] ground [illegible]
[illegible] side, and the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I had never

[illegible]

[illegible] I collected

[illegible] week, for

[illegible] morning till

[illegible]

have been [illegible].

[illegible]

Hooker as you have, it is time that I should agree with you — Mr. Pringle.

Now about the name. I write R. Lasiolobus as the syn. of R. Engelmannii, and I see that you do the same in your reply, but I referred today in looking into the new Manual again, that the name there is Hastatulus — it is, however, as we both wrote it, in the 6th ed. which must now be classed with the "old" manuals.

I guess I can get you some more fruit of Lathyrus maritimus. I should think about the six weeks in July is might be sound, and I will go & look. The plant grows amongst grass and is really very hard to find it when out of flower, and besides they probably mow the field about the time that the seeds are ripe. This is only to prepare your mind for a disappointment, as it is a pleasant

Springfield Jun 21. 1890.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I wonder if I can put you in the way of getting a good specimen of L. Hoy-cicuti. You know Professor Norton has a summer home in Springfield, and the man who takes care of the place, Mr. Carter, told me that two ladies by the name of Murray came every summer and occupied a house that Prof. Norton owned some little distance from the village; these ladies, he said were always collecting plants — they live in Cambridge, and if you know them, or can make their acquaintance soon, you might induce them to bring you specimens. They probably know where to find it as it is not far from their house, — and yet it is a

out of bloom by the time they go up they may not have noticed it; I can tell him however, just the place, and there is but one locality, if was informed. Tell if you can secure fruiting specimens from them, I will give you a lowering me, not nice, but fair. I had no claim with me, and no conveniences for pressing. Mr. Carter did not seem quite sure of the name Murray — it might be Merrill or ~~Gorge~~ Thing else of similar sound, but one of the ladies was formerly a governess in Mr. Norton's family as I was told by another person.

I have in Hooker's Flora, and it is not in our City Library nor within my reach anywhere, but ~~of~~ the Manual my specimen agrees with R. Engelmanni in every particular but one, and that is the last — "many times larger than the achenium". I have a fresh specimen right here, and should say that the valve was four times larger;

"four" might be called "many" in this case and I left it's pick. (Later - I see it five times larger)

Engelmanni — "stem simple" — mine is simple -

Acetosa — "like the last" (Acetosella) but Acetosella has a branching stem -

Engelmanni "leaves nearly as in the next" (Acetosella) i.e. halberd form or hastate -

Acetosa "leaves oblong or broadly lanceolate" In my spec. the leaves were strongly hastate -

Yet these are said to have "sinuate pedicels".

My specimens have naked ovary, to my eye — there is certainly no grain" on them. The mid-vein is thicker at the base, or I should say wider at the base, than above — that is all. The valves are not "orbicular" as in Acetosa, but "round heart-shaped" as in Engelmanni -

I am only showing that I am right by the deductions which I read — if I had

Lyme on Excursion over 5 the place
where it grew.

Don't answer this till you get
back, I'm going in month, but when
you do get over it, please tell me if
the enclosed is Chest Acres, Hutt.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Green.

Don't you think the description of
R. Acetosa is rather meagre? It
certainly does not distinguish the
plant clearly. M.L.G.

Springfield, Ill, July 3. 1890.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send you specimens of fungi for study; they are not nice for the home. Still I enclose a label which you may fill out according to your conclusions. I could arrive at a conclusion of my own if I had Hooker, but he can trust you so I shall call it what ever you say. I lack the truth only. I did by Why Amherst Cat. that what they called C. Englmannii had been known there in some way before 1875. Perhaps C. Acetosa would be considered a greater fungi, as the new Manual mentions only two localities for it.

I put in a label for the Lycoris

too, though the specimen is poor & having no ink, ~~[illegible]~~ incomplete. I mentioned the Murray ladies, for it was possible you know, that they might be intimate friends, next door neighbors, or something of that sort. Much obliged in the conversation of E. Owen. It seemed plain enough, but I never trust my own determination of any of that genus — always highly pleased when I come out right however.

A very pleasant vacation it has.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

[illegible] Oct. 21. [illegible]

Dear Mr. Stone,

I think that I can now
give two chants in the Gregorian
that I will send later on.
The chants now for you
would be, one for the
Mixolydian Gregorian, & Impro-
visation on that in our contra-
ty. Does this now give
time if I can write them, &
if so, for which day.

Yours very truly

Charles Ives.

(over)

P.S. I have in mind your
my latest article on "Art Truth"
Christian Herald, Aug. 25 I
will do so. I mean to 5 meet
the ed. Christian Herald
[illegible], but [illegible] your
[illegible]

with which he is coming back.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Today (Monday) I have picked my poor little violet — normally it is twice as large & spurs proportionately longer — this lacks a petal even; its color too, is pale — the most I can say is that it is better than nothing. M. L. O.

Springfield, Oct. 25. 1890.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am glad the finis of that rubbishy Crossopetum was good for anything. As you assure me that it is C. Virginianum, I have entered its newly found locality in my own copy of the Nard. Catalogue.

No violets? I kept the letter back in which I told you their history till I had two in bloom; I then laid them with a few leaves of the plant in folds of paper & put them into the letter without trying to

dry them, because I knew they would wither in water & I wanted you to see them fresh. Well, there is another bud on my little plant, and I will keep this letter back, and when the bud is fully blown put up flower & leaves in the same way for you. I mentioned the long spur, but these last flowers do not show that as plainly as the earlier ones did. But what could have become of that earlier specimen? If I had left it out, as I might have done thoughtlessly, it seems as if I should have seen it afterwards on my table. I suppose you got the letter at any rate. In it I related the history of the Chromodrium — i.e. its new locality & the reason that it was not properly pressed. Letters so rarely get lost in the mail that I cannot think of this one as not reaching you.

I am glad to hear of Mr. Morong's safety and his soon expected return.

"Happy the man, like wise Ulysses, nice,
Or him who got of yore the fleece of gold,
Who comes at last, from travels manifold,
Among his kith and kindred to abide".

I hope that is the feeling

Rebels not
bearded —
Spur long.

Letter dated
Oct 25
M. L. O.

Cyperus strigosus, L.
var. robustior, Kunth.

My drives were to Gaesner and from there to Scrabtown, Paul's Hill & Polpis. My walks from there to Tom Never's Pond & West. If I had had the opportunity to explore the Mauwinee & Pocono region, that Rhododendron would not have bloomed unnoticed for fifty years after President Hitchcock observed it — it is really quite abundant on Pocono, & very conspicuous.

Another thing in the lost letter way, the question whether the Cathyrus seeds were as you wanted them, or if you would prefer the pods in their natural shape impressed it just into a poem. I shall be very likely to collect more seeds later and you can have them just as you want them — only say the word.

You dear know what cold chills ran over me, when I read the lines

Springfield, Dec. 30. 1890.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Your sense of events and persons then, — my letter never reached you — got lost. Now as I see I cannot conjecture, so I will waste time in guessing, but read the inclosed book.

The violet was raised in my own garden from seed that I found: I epicted it. Coronata, but as I found the seed in '88, I do not remember where it came from — I did not try it however, I know that. In '89 I had several plants that produced chiltogamous flowers all summer, but not a single complete flower of good quality, so I pulled up all but one — it was its

going to be overrun with them. The year the one died about the same time till late in the season when it bore a few very nice flowers; I had received long before this is very nor Cornuta, but I understood it was in Coulter's Rocky Mountain Manual then in Chapman's & then in the new Gray, but it is not in either. A friend in California lent me Gray, sometimes, so I forgot his name is in Coulter — I have it in California Manual. I have settled down upon the theory that it is a hybrid — that the seed really came from V. cornuta, but that they were not true — other violets near had crossed with V. cornuta. The little thing that I sent last is not a fair specimen; a good one is twice as large & has a very conspicuous spur.

When I was in Hawthorne I went to Pocono one day & strolled over the hill north of the marsh & found two & two little clumps of the plant that I sent. It was all out of bloom, but I saw that it was of the Bonga family & suspected it was Canadensis Virginiana. I did it well sure, for I never saw that plant growing and never had a fresh specimen but twice & then were brought to me year ago — little things too. I could not press it — no time — so I just rolled it up in a newspaper & sent it to you. I wanted it identified, for Pocono is a new locality to enter on a blank page of my Catalogue. When I was a young girl & roaming over the island wherever I could walk, I very rarely went to Mauch Chunk or Pocono or anywhere in that part of the island.

the boat. I manage to find that
I am so tired it is very hard
this year – impossible to see
how it will turn going through
the Suez. How I do love my
island home!

"The surf is beating on this island
shore,
and I, far off, tonight,
in fancy hear the breakers on the rocks,
and view the beacon light."

— and now very homesick, I
may add.

Yr good angel
Sam Your faithful friend
Mark Twain

from the Georgics with which you reinforced my argument. I had quoted that in an article I wrote for the Pall Mall Republican some years ago, but the words were in a different order: "Insectum vero et parvis animantibus horridus" The line would scan though, just as well as thus (as the next line began with a vowel – "Et Ferdes" &c. I believe) which was some comfort; but I rushed for my Virgil & found that I was right – you had probably quoted from memory – a thing which I cannot do except in the lowest of instances.

I was in Manchester but a few days – my friends took me out over the hills however – and amongst

Springfield, Dec-24-1891

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send my thanks for the calendar and the good wishes which it brought. I will put the useful little thing right before me on the writing table where I spend so much of my time, and think of you every time I use it.

I send you some plants that I collected last summer on a pleasant journey that I took; where it was I will not say, but will put it out as a puzzle for you, to be solved by the plants themselves. I number instead of naming them, and have kept a numbered list.

When you write and tell me your

~~I can~~ guess I will write more at length. But I ought to add a little more now. I cut the stream of variegated elm from suckers that had sprung up round two beautiful trees growing in the front yard of a house. They were said to be at least sixty years old, and were perhaps forty feet in height. When fresh the green was of the most vivid hue, and the white which is yellow now, was as pure as the new-fallen snow — a lovely combination.

The "What-is-it" was from a window plant. I took a very small leaf — some of them were nearly as large as my hand. And the flower stalk was three feet long, at least, about eighteen inches bare, then a foot of flowers, pure white, and then six inches or so of buds. I could learn no other name than "Bridal Wreath." With these two exceptions the plants are native to the region where I collected them.

With all the good wishes of the season to yourself and your wife, I am

Your sincere friend

Marie L. Owen.

[illegible]

[illegible] It would not be worth

[illegible] to you [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

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down into the cook shop. It proved
is on a five-mile walk that we
took (my sister and Miss Tilly of
Dedham were with me) from Dungeon
Ghyll to Chapel Dale in Westmoreland.
No study is quite lost even if it pays
off its direct aim, so I have a little
consolation in thinking that you and
Mr. D. are more learned than ever
in ferns. I met Mr. D. once in the
Nat. Library and he found me his
ferns. He was very kind and agree-
able, and I hope he will forgive
me, if he is forgiving enough to re-
ceive a few kindly.

I was one year more nearly
four months; as we went in a Bel-
gian (Red Star) steamer we spent two
days in Antwerp, and one in Bruges.
We went directly to England and
found that we left in time in
a Mediterranean steamer from Liverpool.

Oyster Bay, L.I. 22.10.1892

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am quite startled at
the results of my little MSS. I
thought the Encounter in England had
no time whatever for real literary
work, but I neglected no opportunity
of collecting ferns, because with those
of Cook, Deane and Mr. Stebbins I
felt I could much for any other plants.
Your cards were only mere notes of places
of historic or literary interest. They
all proved so familiar to me and
"to English" that I thought I
would recognized them again on
sight — in fact I did not have
of them — the claim for instance
for fear of making my middle
class. And you have taken so much

trouble! And I know Mr. Davenport in Fd, & he got quite annoyed at myself, and they wd & excused me, and & make my leave to the Mr. Andrews.

I go & the unknown Adiantum I think I've got in a nice little complete plant of A. Adiantum-nigrum — that is what I suppose it to be. It was small compared with Dessed specimen I wish I had seen. But I put it on a wall in Devonshire, and the wall plants are never so large as those seen grow in hedgebanks in other counties. Then in Cornwall at "Antiquel by the Cornish sea" on the rocks at the back of Tintagel Arthur's Castle, I found in them that I called A. marinum, & grew so deep in the cleft that it was impossible for me to get the whole plant or any part of the roots. The specimen was very large, and smaller than I have seen in herbaria; these resembled A. Adiantum-nigrum when young, but when fresh the texture of the frond was rather different, and growing as they did, close by the wave wet by the ocean spray, I have little doubt that they were truly A. marinum. I suppose it is one of these two which Hooker quotes to me! to me more than to you! to be A. montanum (Robull) —

Cryptogramme crispa abundantly on a cliff by my eyes — Rock quantity. (And it can never be eradicated even with the most careful collecting, for the roots cannot be obtained without injury, and strength and the right instrument — forcetting

[illegible] than the number they [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them
[illegible] [illegible]. I have forgotten
that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
you will have to send me a
line if you want the [illegible].

I have not heard from your
[illegible] for a long time — is he
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]?

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours very truly,
[illegible]

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your interest to write [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible]
& [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

I have the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I hope
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I was in London [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
see Miss [illegible]'s paintings — [illegible]
[illegible] pleasure. I had heard of
her work for years, [illegible] [illegible]
I should have to [illegible] till
[illegible] [illegible] had their [illegible]
before I could see them. [illegible]
told me that you had seen them
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before.

I [illegible] [illegible] I enjoyed [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Springfield, May 4. 1892.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I have [illegible]

con-sidered it.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] specimens of our own islands I [illegible] I [illegible] some of the Euphrasia officinalis that grew abundantly in the [illegible] [illegible] between Ambleside and Grasmere. They were little [illegible] — not great [illegible], — more [illegible] in size to those that I have found at Great Head on Mt. Desert, and at the Falls of Montmorenci, — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] little [illegible] [illegible]. They were the only [illegible] that I [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible], or think I must have kept them in one of the many that I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I must send my thanks for your article on Mr. Watson printed in the Bulletin. It is very appreciative — a just tribute to the gentle and friendly nature of that good man, as well as to his scientific knowledge. Yours very truly, Maria L. Owen

I have my [illegible] and
[illegible] lost; rather I have
written and revised I have
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]. But
have kept the [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible]. Then when I
have them done, I mentally
translate them to the English
and then all the lines. I
shall do so no longer, I will
have your own flowers. The
I [illegible] to [illegible] you [illegible] in the
[illegible] style, I have been
so frank — [illegible] [illegible] —
but it may be no [illegible]
in a little [illegible] like me

to [illegible] with truth in great
one. Except the [illegible] of
I [illegible] you to send me one of
your books on a pattern —
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that and I
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] with the information [illegible]
There is the same thing [illegible] one.
I remember the [illegible] [illegible] who
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Alexandrian with the [illegible] [illegible]
"Small and [illegible] [illegible]" This
it will do for me to be Alexandria, but I think the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of "Alexandria." [illegible] [illegible]
a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] I
shall [illegible] come with the requirements of France and of my

so if you want anything more in the way of labels, or anything different in what I send, let me know & I think I can supply rather sooner than to your last letter.

With kind regards to your wife as well as to yourself,

Yours very truly
Marian L. Darlin

That beautiful Lomatium! I had to look at a hundred plants to find any pond small enough to press. The color was very bright & pretty & the surface glossy & and the shape of the whole plant very stately. Your little idea on dried specimens gives!

M. L. D.

Springfield, Aug 30. '92

My dear Mr. Deane,

Please imagine all the hindrances and trials that can befall a housekeeper (most of sickness & death), think of them as following straight along without intermission, and then you will excuse my long delay in answering your last letter.

I shall send you labels for my English plants with pleasure — that is, as far as I can now. I didn't collect any fern that I called Asplenium montanum, and I did not climb any mountain while I was gone. Then there is the one that puzzled you — No. 3 in your

list. and I shall return the list to refresh your memory, it is now so long since you wrote about the specimens.

I but I collected when I called Aspl. Adiantum-nigrum, — a beautiful specimen, though a small one, — on a delightful Cheddar-Yard wall in Devonshire. The growth of ferns, mosses & flowering plants there was very luxuriant. Even on the rocks wet with the ocean's spray, at the base of King Arthur's Castle in "Tintagel by the Cornish sea" I discovered with delight what I supposed to be Asplenium marinum. The fronds were small, and the roots were so deep in little narrow clefts & cracks that I could not get any complete plant — at least I think so, but I did have many specimens with a root. Cut it to you. If you want a label for yours, I & you had better send them back for my inspection. I shall know where I collected them and can tell where I called them.

I have been at home all summer but hope to get away for a week or two soon, — think of going first to Tamworth, N.H. near Mt. Chocorua. I suppose you have been in some pleasant country place, and have had a nice time. Any good finds?

Pentucket, Nov. 8, 92

Can we get a new name for the Entu-
siast out of this vicinity? It may be Ex-
ulicum or Thoughtum. Yes, it seems to me,
but I have no microscope here, & not much time
to think it. Save it the latest edition of the Man-
ual when it comes in vogue, it
will be. If you notice Pecima in vogue, it
will be revived in grace, & you will have to be
that expert an inch or two of Pen & Ink
work. I have a letter from you at home, unanswered,
for my part. You will hear from me sometime.
Yr. Sam

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
7 Brewster Place
Cambridge Mass.

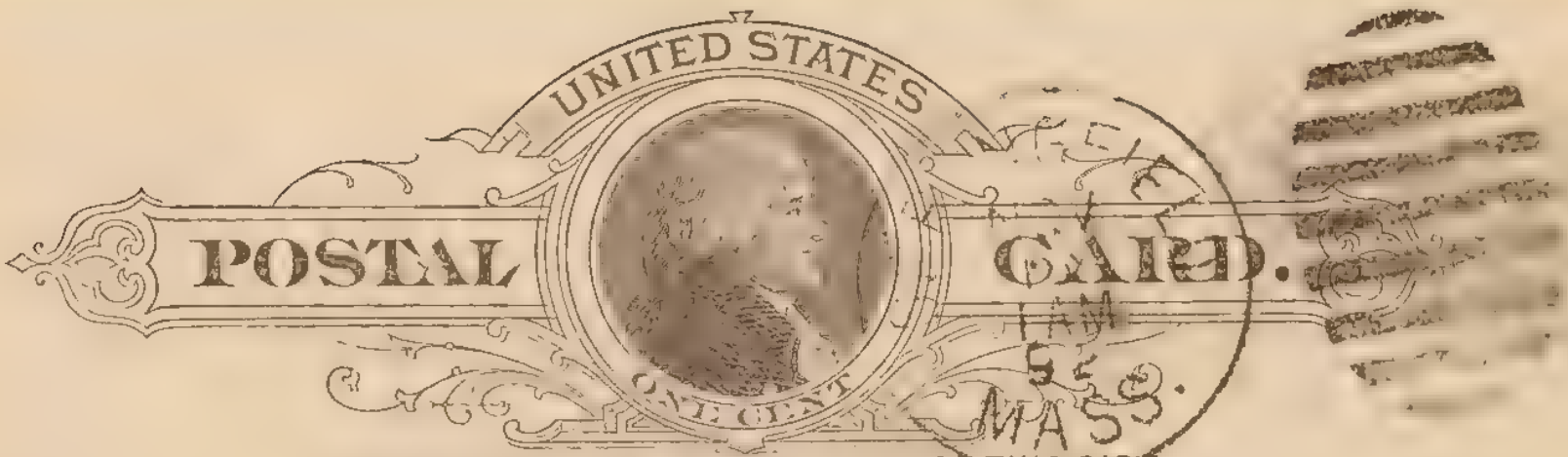
Dep'd Nov. 14. 1892.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send you another pigweed, which I think is new to the Catalogue, sure. I call it Cheno-ambrosioides L. Is you? It was growing in the sand under the lee of a boat drawn up for the winter, I suppose, on an old wharf — a little clump of three or four plants, of which this was the best. There was not a truly perfect leaf on any of them. I found this yesterday and have just examined the fruit under the glass. I found much work awaiting me, for club, horticultural society and family, but I shall work through in a week I think, & then write you a letter.

Yours very truly W. L. Owen

I suppose "Mon got the other plant" means I directed "Brewster Place".



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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

the land, some of red, but plenty of Dahlias in full bloom and others red in bud. The latter, too, was still quite abundant on the commons, and as for the yard and garden in town they were in their very highest with their Chrysanthemums of all hues, marigolds, snapdragons, larkspurs and a dozen other flowers. The eschscholtzias in particular were as large & rich in color as in California, not the delicate things that they are in our Springfield gardens.

But no more about my dear old home — I will draw to a close wishing you a pleasant Thanksgiving.

Yours very truly

Marie L. Owen.

Springfield, Nov. 21-1892.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am glad that one of my plants was worth putting into your herbarium. I shall enclose a label. I saw that the seeds would decide the species, but I could not see their edges without my microscope.

Have you any Hudsonia ericoides from Mt. Tom, N.H.? I collected it there in September, and can find for a specimen, such as it is. I was driving along and saw what to my Kentucky eyes, which have known Hudsonia as long as they have known dandelions, looked like the plant. I had thought that those usually trusty organs were deceiving me, but stopping to collecting some, I found that I had the veritable thing, and when I consulted my

Manual, learned that a Mr. Minns had reported it. The latter is in plain sight from the regular public road, a rod more than a rod from it. These September specimens have neither flowers nor fruit.

I spent two weeks in New Hampshire, with my daughter for my companion; the first week at Jamworth, and the second in North Conway. I noticed two lines which I never saw in this region. I called one P. rotundifolia; I had seen it year before at Arcadia Essex. The other seemed like P. mitis, but that would be out of its region & I guess I was wrong; it was more likely P. Pauckoana.

What do you think of a Valerianella in Springfield? We have found V. radicata near the railroad, — caught it upon its travels. I will send you some seed now, for they have the species, and I can give you an herbarium specimen too if you want me.

A small thing indeed the weediest Cocoon Island I ever came across; it looked like something degenerated almost out of existence — a hereditary pauper of the vegetable world.

I don't know about your Mt. Monadnock goldenrod, for I do not take the Bulletin. I liked it in the old times when it was bigger & regular in its character, but of late years much of it has been beyond me, and when I was going abroad I stopped taking it. I have just looked through the genus in the new Manual to see if you had any species, variety or form credited to you. I have noticed your name in some other part of the book, — what I think of now is a Utricularia found in Barnstable, U. biflora. Perhaps it may gladden some collector's heart in Nantucket some time. The seaside goldenrod, S. sempervirens, was blooming right along when I was on the island — the plants hung with

Correspondence a hundred years old - I have read the Life & Letters of Sir J. E. Smith with great pleasure - the letters took me right into the life & times of the [illegible] - and all were so kindly & pleasant, but no more so than those of the botanists of the present day -

I made a trip to Cambridge a while ago, much like yours to Springfield last week (if you did come to the ball game). I went to attend the Christmas party of the Cantabrigian Club, - took an hour's time to run over to the museum and see the glass flowers again, and was fortunate enough to meet Dr Goodale there and have a little talk with him - How full of interest the museums are! Happy the Cambridge people who can visit them often - I envy them if they use their privileges -

Very truly

Mary L. Cheney

Springfield Nov. 25 - 1892

My dear Mr. Dean,

You must indeed straighten out the Houstonia affair. When I see the plant in the growing season, I know the two species cannot be mistaken in their color; if I look at a pressed specimen, the flower, or the stalk or leaves, give a quick means of deciding, but the plants that I saw in North Conway were old and dark-colored, and had no flowers - I say there were no flowers, more properly my specimen had none. We were driving home after an excursion of some hours when I saw this patch and got my daughter to get out of the carriage & bring me some of it; she made no search for flowers or fruit, and I did not care for any - Houstonia or not Houstonia was the only

thing I cared for, and if it grew there right in the roadside I thought it was likely it was common in those parts. I consulted my Manuals & found in the 1st edition that Hc. tomentosum had been found in Conway, Maine. In the 5th Maine is in lieu of the 1st. I feel sure. Conway, Maine is in Oxford Co. and I too went botanizing up there before 1874? In the fifth edition this inland location is not mentioned, but in the sixth, Hc. ericoides is credited to it. I meant to look it up for myself, but when I arrived at it I called it ericoides, as I supposed the Manual was right; I have looked a piece now and looked at it under the glass, and I do think the leaves are subulate rather than oval, and so I should call it ericoides and yet there is certainly tomentosum. I dare say I am wrong; I could take my specimens down to the City & have them compared with the two species in our Society's herbarium, but I shall not take the time to do so. I know you will make it most pleasant for me if I send you, and I shall accept your decision.

I will send you the Calvinanthes soon.

I am glad to hear from Dr. Morong; I suppose he is very busy in his work at Columbia College. How is Judge Churchill? Does he keep up his interest in botany and continue to collect for his herbarium?

I enjoy a botanical correspondence as you do — always such delightful news in every letter, — such a pleasant excitement I may say, much as people who are not botanists would laugh at the idea of there being anything exciting in our pursuits. I even enjoy a botanical

Springfield Dec. 1. 82

My dear Mr. Stone

I ought to have written before but my last letter was short & I felt I could wait until the Editor of the Palladium. I think I can now be more certain of my movements & the Mass. Legislature will not meet till the 2 Tuesday in January. We have a good many interesting things on our docket which is now written with me, a good many novelties to. The most weighty from Mass & Boston interests, and there is a vacation the other six months. Which is so long I feel as if we should have enough time to get the organization fairly begun & work the time for the Minister meeting stop.

I hope I may see you soon
for Yarmouth Gossip and so is
it possible a Yankee may be able
to come Bride! — but is it true?
I hope we can have a Meeting
on our Darling.

Yours with true regard
Martin R. Delany.

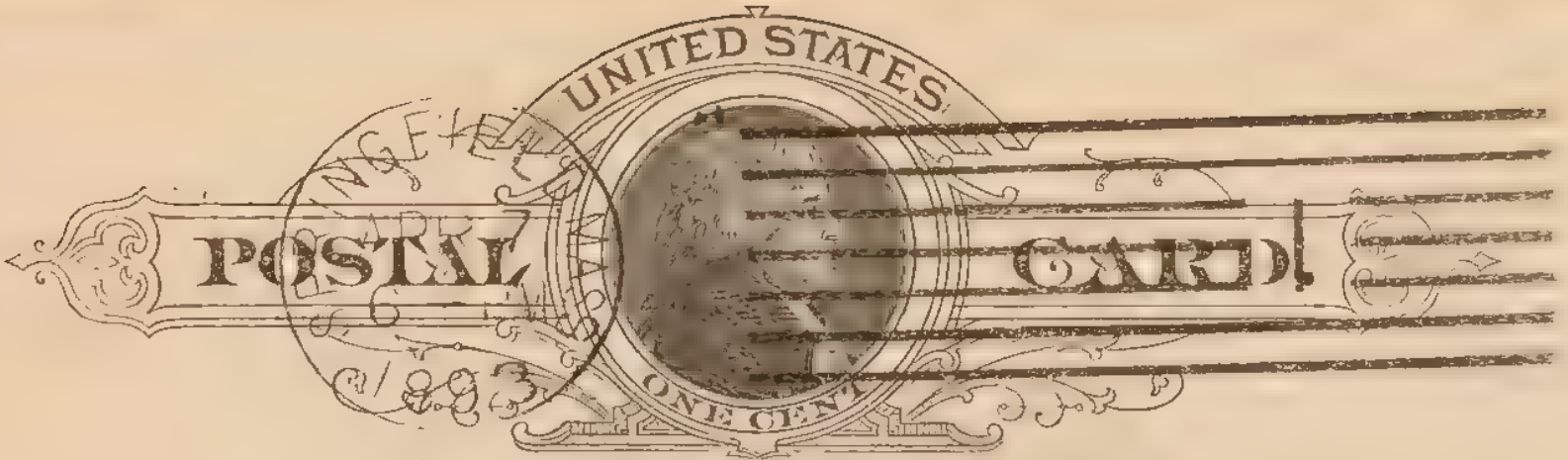
P.S. If you think well to Gossip
Wilson please let me know. I am for
Philip & did another number — a
very correct and accurate Indeed.
M. R. D.

Springfield, Apr. 7. 1893

Dear Mr. Paine,

I made cross-actions myself & was satisfied about the facts, but I did & can see the force of the same conclusion.

The Wed. Intended we could meet with Blaine & the first meeting of our Bd. Friday, two weeks from today. We had a good meeting and our meetings are always interesting. Glad to hear that all are well & may it year end up fair, can say the same for this end. Yours very truly M. L. Owen



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Wm. Walter Deane
[illegible]
Cambridge
Mass.

Herewith the description matches the specimen -

I hope you had a pleasant vacation and found interesting objects. I think I have seen half a dozen at least entirely new to me in the past summer, although I did not collect them myself - They were sent by absent members of our society. This dry weather has made our reservoirs very low, & Dr. Chapin reports one in Ludlow nearly dry, - river full of Lobelia Cardinalis, a pleasant sight as it never will his eyes serve.

I hope your wife is quite well.

With kind regards to both,

Yours very truly Maurice Lowe.

Springfield
Sept. 10. 1898.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send you a specimen of Pine, and would like to know what you call it. We think it is P. mitis, Michx., - does it seem that it can be anything else, & we have it largely & know that this pine grows with us, although the Manual mentions Staten Island as the most northern locality. Dr. Walter H. Chapin

was out in Ludlow which borders on Springfield, the other day, and noticed two trees that looked strange to him and cut off the tip of a branch, which he brought to our botanical society yesterday and which I now send along. The tree was about fifty feet high, and was in a location where it was very certain they were spontaneous.

I will send you an Equisetum too, E. hyemale. I don't know it, still I like to have your opinion. The specimen in one bunch came from central New York, and in the other from our own neighborhood, but I think the species are identical.

I brought with me from the Cove, that the "prickles" which the Manual mentions on the Cone Scales are wanting, but as they ~~seem~~ are "weak" they have probably got rubbed off.

Springfield Oct. 8. 93

My dear Mr. Deane,

At this rather late date I will reply to your last letter. You must be right about the time for it is a called S. Glinnes in the Prayer Book Calendar, that is no doubt. But it is not so decided in the Journal so that one can decide a Precinct beyond doubt. Indeed, Sunday is decided according to the Canons.

* Canons Ordinance of Convention

** Canons terminal: C.

The Canons of our Diocese

Ellwood & Dr. Chapin & we
entered, and as the leaves were
in now we found it a Paradise.
We left some refreshments,
but the young men & the ladies
crowded were entered. In fact
we had lady to the German
dance then. Did you have
Dancing the German, and did
some of the young ladies come
dance. (Mr Clem & Miss)
are the credit of the ball,
but it was Dr. Chapin & Mr
Ellwood the two — two, I think
in fact, the leaders. The social
question from Mr Chapin, the
Mormon mislead
a Pennsylvania Farmer and
Editor Stewart and Dr. Chapin
is this his first visit to
Salt Lake City?

Answer Yes & have the
Dr. Anderson said to me
in confidence. It is the fact
it can be anything but
Dr. Richards that it does
look rather different from the
usual Fort, Salt Lake.
Is Dr. Anderson the Kentucky
Farmer who has published a
book on Mormons?

very satisfactory, but it has made me a little tired & so very sleepy that I hardly know what I write. Words are running out in my pen, so I will bid you good night & rest.

Yours very truly
Grace E. Dunn

Springfield Oct. 21. 1893.

Dear Mr. Crane,

I have an entirely new bundle of stuff for you; some flowers that I want named from their photographs. The two flowers of the vase, — Nos. 3 & 4. I send the rest just for your pleasure; I think they are so pretty in their arrangement & so interesting.

The photographer is Mr. Ford of New York a friend of my son's; he is to be called an amateur photographer, as his work is his recreation, still aside from his regular business, but with his natural taste & capability and his long practice, his work is equal to that of most who make it their profession.

One must be very familiar with the

Committee to name one from a picture. — no opportunity to see the important characters from accurate specimens or flowers in hand &c.

Can it be Helenium autumnale? The disk is rounded & small, and the whole flower has the aspect of our Garden Helenium.

No. 7 looks like a Silene or a Lychnis but I think I never saw the flower. — I don't find any description that fits it. I know nothing whatever about its growth or color or habitat. Then the other from 156 (omitting 3) — I should like to know what you call them, though I have put names upon all of them. I think I know the grass No. 2 though the leaves or the flower stalk — the upper leaves standing out so stiffly — don't look natural to me and I never observed that curious thing about their direction. Perhaps I am not right in my name. Then the grass in No. 5. Considering its height — about 2 feet of growth I think I can place it accurately, — no not accurately but still correctly. I should like to know what you call it.

I send these along without waiting for a reply to my last letter, but it is not to have you. And don't hurry to return these either, keep them till you have a little leisure & location on the two. I have shown No. 7 to all the botanists here, in vain, so I send it to you because you have an advantage in a pretty complete herbarium and may have this very thing in it.

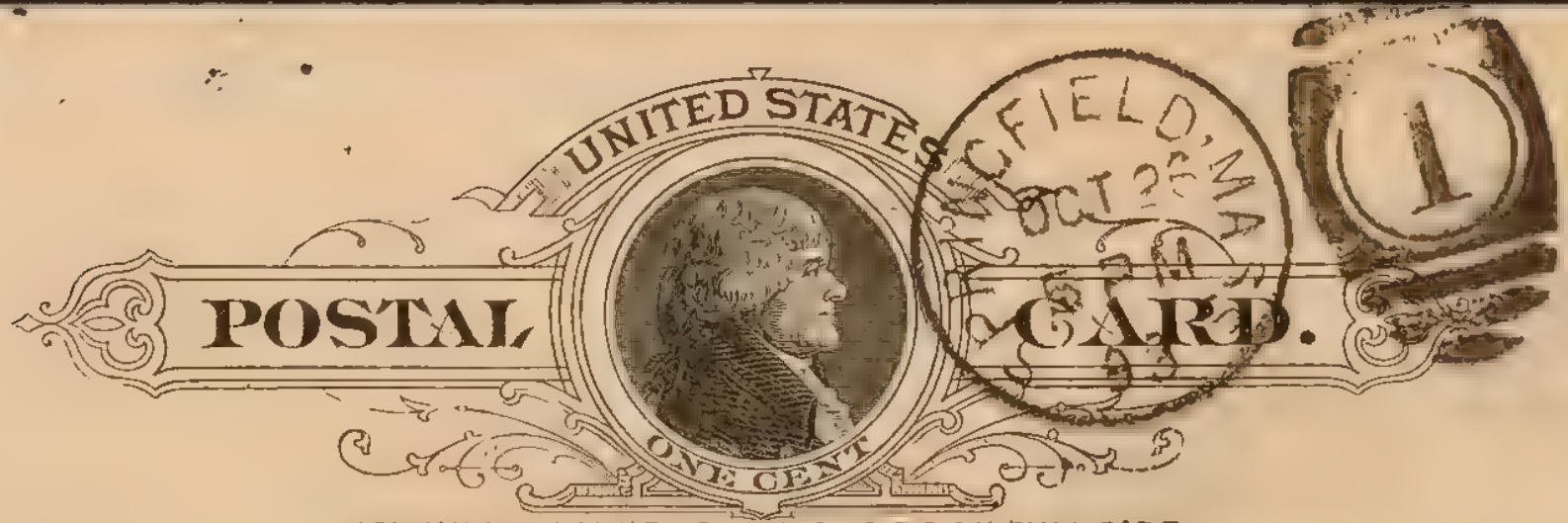
I walked nicely this afternoon in our Forest Park — went to bid autumn good-bye, and did it

Springfield, Oct. 20. 1898

Dear Mr. Deane,

Are you with us in the fact of your letter to Dr. Robinson? Is John Robinson of Salem? I met him many years ago in Palm St., & then he lived Mr. [illegible] Has [illegible] in Tory in the Revolution, etc. [illegible] the old house & the place. And, secondly, I want a few particulars which you can tell ~~them~~ Hemlock venosum from H. Canadense by the [illegible]. Color would tell the [illegible], and [illegible] can tell me [illegible] I [illegible] the red one has in the plates, which are, [illegible] the [illegible] which [illegible] spent [illegible].

Yours



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Mr. Foster Crane
Pittsfield
Berkshire Co.
Mass.

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Mr. Fulton Sears
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

I will enclose a [illegible]
time [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I'll be it but never
in [illegible] or [illegible]. [illegible] I
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

that we must [illegible]
in Manila [illegible]. The trees which
we saw in their leafless state.
One of our members Mr. [illegible]
has lately discovered a White
[illegible] on the edge of
the city — a flowered tree like
a bell. [illegible]
[illegible] to find anything not
in the Amherst [illegible], and
this [illegible]
[illegible]
Dr. [illegible]
learn that his criticism of
the [illegible]
[illegible] is receiving attention
at the [illegible]. The
[illegible]
about the name of [illegible]

[illegible] Botanist and
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Yours very truly
[illegible]

Springfield Dec. 22, 1893

My dear Mr. Lane,

Perhaps I can do something toward the certain identification of the supposed E. circularis, as you will see when I tell you where it grows. I think it is not uncommon here, may be found in the pool edge of any of our ponds, though I have collected it in two only. The specimen that I send you came from Forest Park, and that kind of the Park given to the city by Mr. Barnes, subject to his control during his lifetime. It is his delight to spend a good deal of his ample income every year in improving and adorning this portion of the grounds, and the work is done under his own

house now a good specimen of Picea nigra, and a perfect beauty of the same, var. rubra. The latter has thirty-nine cones on it, three of which may be called terminal & the others lateral. It may be that they have become lateral by the extension of the stem after the cones were formed, i.e. by the growth of an innovation, but the Manual does not say so, and to the ordinary student, the cones are clearly & firmly lateral. Besides, I will show you by a drawing how some of them grow.

Twenty-six cones scattered over these branches.

Nine cones growing directly out of the stem: these were never terminal & broad say.

supervision. His own house is on the ground, so that he can easily see the run of everything.

My plan is to show him the plant which grows so abundantly in one of his ponds (we have in all of them) and tell him how it surrounds the volantis because it won't bloom, and then ask him to let me take some of it out of the water and set it out in some muddy place, and to look after it a little himself, — just enough to see that it is not disturbed. I'll even give that he will be kind enough to do that, and my expectation is that the thing will change its habit and conduct itself like the terrestrial form of Pacie. (if such it really is)

and flower & seed. Is not that a hopeful scheme? I walk up down much sometimes, though not as often as I would like to, for the park is — as you know, and it is a long walk from the place where we leave the electric cars to the pond, — all artificial ones, by the way, made on purpose to raise water plants. Two are full of lotuses; I am sure their flowers can be counted by the thousand all summer long. In other there are water lilies, seven kinds at least, arrow-head too, aquatic flowering. The pond that I drew my plants out of has a few lilies in it, and cardinal flower and other semi-aquatics on the edge.

I hope Dr. Robinson will look up Pieces two in regard to the position of the cones. I have in the

as well as simple.

In T. occ. nigra has two or three terminal and the rest, a dozen lateral. But in all the cases where the cones are now terminal, may it not be from arrested development of the shoot on which they grew? If the two cones, or nothing, it leaves the first terminal which started as a lateral growth.

Mr. Batchelder pointed out these things to me, and Dr. Chapin tells me a similar story of Chamaecyparis. I have not a specimen at hand just now, but I know he found the two position of one kind of the cutting different from the description. The Manual speaks of them all, without discrimination as terminal.

As a little Christmas remembrance I send you one of Mr. Fine's photographs. I call it the Common Dandelion though the leaf looks more like that of the Leontodon, the Autumnal Dandelion.

All the good wishes of the season go with it to you and your wife from

Your sincere friend,

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield Dec. 23. 1898

Dear Mr. Deane,

This follows my letter to carry my thanks for the pretty little calendar. The flower on the outside looks like something! A Silene perhaps, certainly something of that family. A botanist can't put up with a generalization or an impossibility, can he? I will think of you whenever I use the library cities for a whole year. Yours truly M. L. Owen.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

[illegible]

[illegible] Feb. 23. [illegible]

[illegible]

chief. I think mean to be the
Friend on the land if I can
manage it.

I had the pleasure of
a Mr. Thompson's sermon last
Sunday in Toronto and shall
be much pleased to say that
he was still and strong
for Christ.

Mr. Dawe has decided
to remain and a work in the
West of that England too is he?
Yes, that is the, you were long
a distance, in fact another
year he is planning? If you
in Texas remind me of the Conference,
and they remind me in an
error in the new "church" there
I never wrote to you. It is the
habitat of the Texas Finches,
p. 34. "Bonds are more of Tan-
Tucker, Tabb, and Portmouth, Va."
I think I mean the Bonds were
in Portsmouth, but it is there on
earth that I know the "Antecedent
for Texas" letter. Tom I'd, I'd
have written a few months
ago, for the Tuesday day-prayer in
Montreal, — always in fact monthly,
Mr. Given. Please my utmost are
to sweeping for a admission. The Church
were all time our island, but I am
ready to be convinced that we can
grow a flourishing work in the Western
Canada.

Have you seen that film in "Faith

Dear -

I should like to write pretty
hard for ahead if you in
Europe & children, and if
this wonder is the Dear's
purpose to know or
anything in consideration,
I am a little to have never
Dear - What's coming next?
Do you remember Gillian
Simpler?

Yours very truly
Maria L. Allen.

Springfield, Ill. 26. Sep.

Dear Miss Dear,

I think it a great privilege that you were so lenient to the knowledge of our mutual friend Mr. C. and I am glad you appreciated - which is wonderful to say. Like you, I do so.

The name friend Gillian Simpler I think I can imagine in her & express my admiration in extra nice kind; I should not write my mind, Mrs. Trick enough, and slide in but some fixed for & end it again.

I entered the Queens as each into the two parts - I work

in the Ground! It is dark to
[illegible], but it is said it Reaches
to the Centre of the Earth and
is [illegible]! But I have hop
it Will be some man may win
Island for its Pendant. For
I will give [illegible], but if I
had known that it had this
[illegible], before I ever had it
had it to, I would have
[illegible] to Tempt I have -

I am Glad I have of
Madge Everhill and Jim. I
have often wondered if you
Kept up your Friendship when
I Corresponded together, and yet
I then I never wrote I did not
Think I would after time -

I found something I was
then. For I made have been
more a time since - a great
time in the Closet I might
Life Letters in it -

I am, my dear Mindie, Ever
Faithfully Yours.

One of our Men found the
Closet and read them the
Though Occasionally from their
Love of their Tuneful Melody
and their lovely sweet Sentiment,
and I wonder that I had an
Official Tri before. In course
the occurrence of the word
in my time would be known
to more by Accident, but I did
I have more, and more I have

Springfield Mar. 21, 1884

My dear Mr. Deane,

You will see by the enclosed that I wrote to Dr. [illegible] and I hasten to comply with his wish. The letter came this afternoon. You will see that you can [illegible] twelve or thirteen years right off of this [illegible] as you supposed [illegible] and it is quite in his favor to be only 65 instead of nearly [illegible]. He wrote to me last fall about the Eleocharis acicularis and in the letter he told me

[illegible] week will prove [illegible], in instructing those about [illegible] the [illegible] to find in an [illegible] period of the year. This is nothing new to me & one I would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible] - The month more and I shall be [illegible] my family with me [illegible] [illegible].

Yours with kind regards,
[illegible]

Pl. return the enclosure to me.

about his work at Columbia College, the excursions that he made into the country every week-end. He didn't talk much, but he was well liked, having "one of those dry little jokes" about him. I never knew the whole.

I wrote to a friend of mine Mrs. Prescott in Montreal, about this little Jim-Shaw, and was quite surprised to find that the name of one "in-a-boy" of hers is one of his middle names. The boy is now a lawyer? He was interested to find however that the drawing on was in Cleveland. Shaw was more Celtic & more Liminar-ian.

I have a nice letter from Mr. Tait — "Tait's work has shown in the Order of their appearance in the Times & Field" is all. Mr. Tait says. Mr. Tait "Tree & Flower in Field & Flower" proved when taking these, somewhat little into so that the Country & Field Tree & Flower — what to know these names is to know more about them & see a — beautiful manual. Mr.

[illegible]

HAWK TREE FARM,

RAILROAD STATION AND ADDRESS.

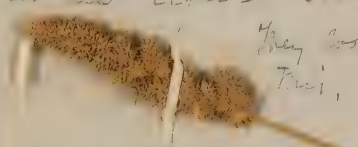
READVILLE, MASS

Berkshire Swine. Small Yorkshire Swine

Holstein Cattle, Dairy Products.

two of these, one I shall have
one, and I will arrange for you to
see it.

No. 1. Is this a weed? and what
species? I thought it looked like a
pressed specimen. Are I have it
I. marinalis. Are the two kinds
on the same plant?



They look some like
this, but I cannot
detect, even
with a microscope, the delicate
traits in the photograph, and I think
I know another case with much
smaller heads, that the picture is
more like. I will know the name
of either, though I have studied them
not. No. 2. Two kinds of cancer
and No. 3. Lichens. These kinds,
at this season of the year
the only way of identifying them would
be by the help of herbaria

Springfield Mass, 17. 89 4

My dear Mr. Deane,

I know that our time
— dear friend is gone, — Mr.
Hilton knew we were two days
after his death. You did time
more than I, of course, for it
seems as if a good deal had come
out of my life with him, although
I so seldom saw him. I
always found that he carried so
much with him, — the "tender,
wizard" as he so well called it
in that letter I saw from Thoreau;
and he was a good nature, little fond
of little pains & wishes too, that he
had not been, & they were more
provoking little duels & threads of
water too. I am glad you saw me

know of his bad condition in Florida, and that I had the privilege of doing a little for him in that way. I write a second time, but I think the letter could not have reached the Capital till after he had left it, and if it followed him to Boston it reached there too late for him to read it. I do not know anything of interest about his journey from the South, and his last days, I shall be glad to hear it.

I do I ever have an opportunity I will ask Miss Prescott for some of the small Hymbreas, but be if a woman with her hand full of friendly cheeros, frequently from Europe as the first, and two weeks on the Pacific coast. She has not answered my last letter yet & never will I am sure, but I shall have no ill-will against her for that. The Gate & Forest article was very so far back, but perhaps I will look it up sometime.

I send you some more Mr. Paine's photographs for you & tell me on the minute, then you take a chance from it. He does not ask out of idle curiosity, but he has a plan of making a little visit into Maine, still for which I will the description time. Mr. is out for publication, & the description will be time-written not printed. It is one of the many such things which he is always getting up and illustrating for photography. Perhaps he will make a

These sheets, I know not, so much thicker than the other. I am sorry, dropsy, my way; Mr. B. seems too always. I return you & time with the names — the Ohio, on the back of the other sheet. My photograph with the weight on it is a real favorite — don't spend too much amount of time on it.

I send the Duet of Mr. B. "Mine is a Habit"; I like the tune, the words are well, but the tune may be easier & pronounced more. Can I be a Trust-Closer — Lucretia? I think so. Is Calistata [illegible] Pato Tones at all. Do you seek in letter — and also in "Mr. B." the Linaria vulgaris have been a transient inhabitant?

Is it a Desmodium glabellum, — perhaps Dillenii or paniculatum? Yet I do not recall the species with any confidence. Is an Allium. A. vineale? Perhaps a western species that does not extend to our region. And finally, I return the Dr. Lib with the Dr's comments. It seems to me, if he doubts quite understand what I mean in "escaped from Cultivation" I hope I added that it was often found in the roadside and in places where now no house was to be seen. I still think it is Zygadenus glaucus, but I am hurried & have not yet so thoroughly established on the basis of the specimen. I have always felt it to be very pretty, but perhaps it is an amphibious thing in its native habitat. Do you

see any cause for changing your mind about it?

I shall value your opinion about this new set of entomologic very much, and hope that with the help of your herbarium you can name them each; if the specimen I shall have I will tell the various plants come along & then compare the living specimens with the siccums. I find one an interesting letter in Mr. Ho. Lemmon from a Californian paper.

The meetings of our Botanical Club have begun; we enjoy & review the pressed specimens of our region very thoroughly this season, but of course we do not neglect anything new that comes in our way. I found a large tree of Lepidium nudicaule last week, never reported within the limits of Springfield before. But I have surely written enough for one time, so I will close with kind regards & your wife as well as yourself.

Yours very truly Marian L. Owen.

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specimens, and I don't find these in my small set. The one specimen from Lake is a very dark color in the shape of Aster Novæ-Angliæ.

No. 4. Can the unknown one be Pitcher's Gentian? If so, the flowers may be set in the dark of an hour or two, the matter not quite in the centres, but I should be able to determine it more easily from a fresh specimen, and also from the dried specimen, or one of the Hindley. For I have no guess, or for the two H's. I have never seen the enlargement often seen in the stems of a certain goldenrod, caused by an insect. But this slender, leafless stalk has no resemblance to a goldenrod. I send two of the

Springfield, May 26-1874-

My dear Mr. [illegible],

I mail herewith the fine specimens [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the letter, [illegible] that the numerous [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in head [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

(our bot. society)

[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] &c.

I think I can find [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], as I [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my letter and guess [illegible] edge of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

June 1- I resume my letter & say that I could not find the Camp named above; they had been mowing as I feared. I grow more & more doubtful about my

Sincerely yr. his Friend, and Son
of Nature & God, Lee of Early
Christianity. Yes - is it an unusual
<u>Individual</u> Flower, or a <u>Hybrid</u>? or a <u>Variation</u> or <u>intermedium</u>?
And is the Flower Fairies a Mere <u>Fancy</u>
<u>Sketch</u>? & Could not a Mere
Man Decipher for me Future. Life
& Clear Your Decision for I am
in no Hurry for it.

Yesterday I found Two,
& Little Man Mounting Two
Very Interesting and Pretty Specimens
of a Species which I take to
be a Spontaneous Variation, although the Flowers
are hardly in Spite of the Edge
of the Blooms of their Handsome
Spikes. The Petals are often in
Large Groups white or Pale Purple
Tinge - The middle; one Petal in
the is Two Petal, and Two Petal and
One green in Number. This is the
Leaves Two and So Also Reversed -
Hard, Dry, between the Normal Leaf
& Three Leaves. Two Flowers One
Three Weeks & Three Leaving Green - Leaves
Very Lovely and The Stalk So Close to-
Gether that it was Rather & Try & Cut Them
Leaves for Drawing, for They Needed a
Clearly & Sharp Knife, and Arrange
on Two Pieces Paper in a Bottle - The
Other Had Two Three Abnormal Shoots,
Leaves and Two of Them Together; The
Friend Who Bottled Up & The Flower Tube
& The Flower, and made a Wonderful Time
with the Depth & Fitness - On This Flower
There were Not Two Flowers and on
the Flowery was Observed - & Each the
odd Thing Immediately because the
Normal Shoot & Leaves Both Exactly Like
the Three Leaves & Two Fairies & Two Flowers

Lepidium. I have just opened the package, & put in another specimen collected a mile or two from Forest Park where the others grew; you will know it by its being rootless. It broke in my hand as I was trying to pull it up, while the Park specimens were very tough. I noticed too that this had not the rosette of leaves at the base of the stalk which the Park specimens had, but these differences may be unimportant.

I agree with you about having a list of the plants to help us in naming Mr. Hine's photographs, and perhaps I will

speak, if it is to even have a chance. He is a young man of about my son's age, and Walter hopes to bring him up to Springfield some time, on one of his own short business trips; but Mr. Hine is a business man too, & has not yet been able to get away at Walter's time. My son has known him for years, but I have not seen him yet. So will manage for you to see my book when it's gotten in, — I know it will be nice.

Yours very truly

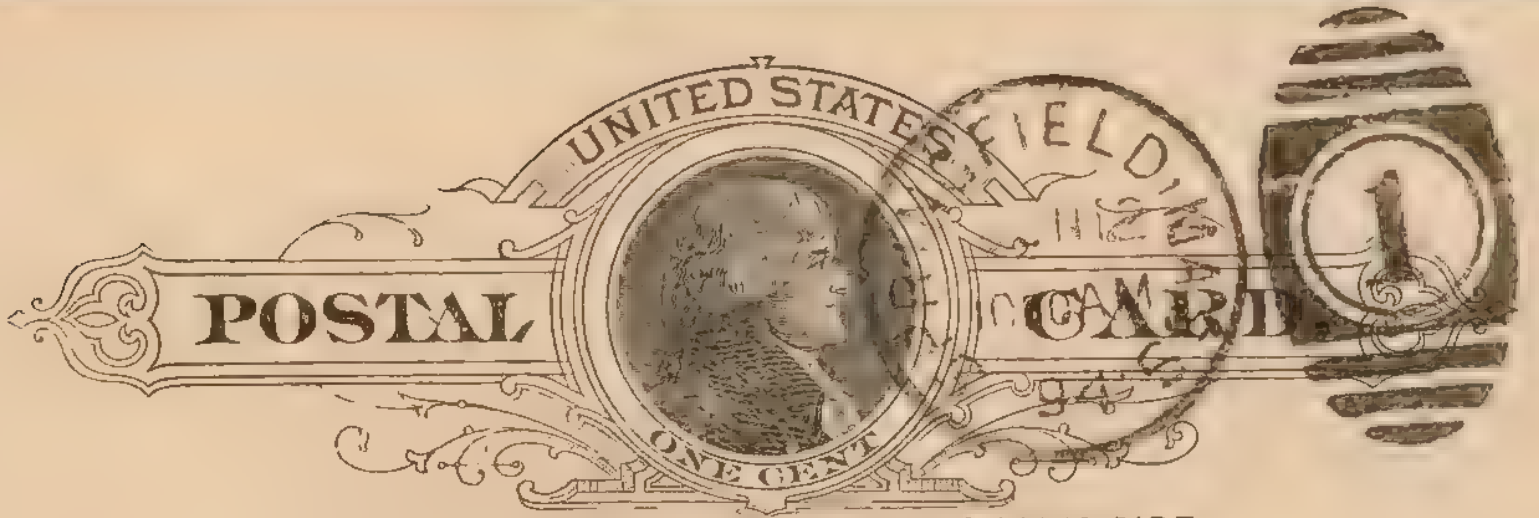
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, June 12-1874

Dear Mr. Deane,

I shall send you today Lepidiums from the same localities as before, and they are about two miles apart. I could not easily get the roots of the firm set, they grew in such stiff clay, but I don't suppose you care, and when the plants were very large I took only branches of the mature est pods – only one from each plant.

How shall I direct to the Gazette? I don't take it: If you think the Trillium story would interest its readers I am willing enough to send it. M. L. O.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge Mass.

are beautiful while all are interesting. The notes about color and other characters are fuller than the previous ones and so more helpful.

I spent part of a wet day a week ago, looking through a collection of hepaticae that I have had about twenty years. As this family, or sub-class as I ought to say, is included in the new manual, I thought I would see what material I had for study. I was much pleased with what I found. The collection came to me at the death of my old friend John L. Russell, and perhaps half of the specimens were collected by him; the rest by Prof. Edward Tuckerman, Mr. S. Sullivant, Oakes, T. G. Lea + T. D. Greene, and a few others less known. The collection is small, only 24 genera represented, but it would give a student a fine start, and I only wish I had

383 Union Street.

Springfield, July 19, 1874

My dear Mr. Deane

I wrote to the Gazette about that Trillium and had a postal card today saying that the article would be published as soon as possible. It was Trillium cernuum I was satisfied after I told you about it.

How much work you have done on your herb. since October! 2234 sheets would make quite a nice little herb. by themselves. Have you room on a sheet for Bot. matricaria from Springfield? I have two nice specimens that I have been saving for you a long time, – they are about ten inches high and have good roots.

You wanted to know what Mr. Hine, the photographer called a plant that you decided was Oenothera biennis; he called it just the same, — it was in fruit only, as you may remember. It was in a group of six plants; 1 & 3 this Oenothera, 2, Amphicarpaea climbing up a weed, (blackberry stalk, Mr. Hine said,) 4, Asclepias, 5, Allium Canadense, and X Moth Mullein. I am trying to recall it to your memory on account of the Allium Canadense, because Mr. Hine has something to say about it; I will enclose his letter which you need not return. And I may as well let you see the picture again, for that Allium may have some enemy that eats into the head and, stopping its development, causes it to dry & look like a gall or something of that sort. I should like to know what you think about it. Mr. Hine writes as if the names came from me alone, but he knew who my helpers were, and I had told him how eminently qualified you & Dr. Robinson & Prof. Bailey were to pronounce upon the pictures. When I replied to the enclosed I said that you all might have been mistaken about the Allium (so-called) but he could be sure the Sedges were all right — there was no appeal from Prof. Bailey about those, he was the Supreme Court of the U. S. in his own person for such cases.

Mr. Hine sent me some more prints taken this year, and if you want to see them and pronounce upon my names, I will send them to you. I think they are rather easier than the last set, and some of them

time & take hold of it. Mr. Russell valued Oakes's contributions very highly and wrote his name with special emphasis and distinction. Sometimes it was OAKES and if not so it was Oakes. Then there was usually this title (abbreviated) Cl: — "Cl: W. OAKES". What does it mean? Big Latin, I imagine, for the remarks added & the names of the specimens were usually in Latin. Was Oakes a clergyman?

I hope you are where it is cool and comfortable; I am going & try & get away with my daughter soon for a little trip in Vermont, but you can cheer here

as usual.

The little girl who found the Williams wrote to me that she looked for variations in Houstonia Caerulea last Spring and found a great many with more than the four normal divisions of the Corolla, — one had eighteen, and her father found one with nine. She sent at the same time a box of Rudbeckia hirta, about 40 specimens, and every one a monstrosity. Many had tubular ray flowers, some had rays growing out of the disk anywhere, and so on — each a study. But it is high time for me to say Good night which I do this minute. Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

pictures, - he is too amiable and reasonable on that. I am not quite informed as to what he means to do with the pictures; he modifies his plan I think as he goes on, then whatever it turns out in the end I shall be sure to see it.

I shall be glad if Dr. Robinson finds the Lepidium of any use; when he has decided on the species all that I want is a specimen of each with his label, that I may put them into our Society Herbarium with the authority of his name.

The Botrychiums are at home — will send them after vacation when you are back in Cambridge.

My last word are for you not to spend much time over these pictures, except that I add for me ~~282 Lincoln Street~~ my best regards to you and your wife who has I hope long been in her usual good health.

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen.

Pittsford Mills, Vt.
Aug 30. 89

My dear Mr. Rand,

It seems quite curious — not that you should be related to Mr. R. H. Greene, but that the race should come out from our work in the Gallica that last Sunday. Mr. Russell gave me all his specs in his will, and amongst them were several collected by Mr. Greene, - France I recollect; so I put them all into our little Bot. Society Herbarium.

My daughter and I are spending a week in this quiet Country place; we see the Green Mountains all round us and a branch of Otter Creek flows by only a few rods from our front door. We are very comfortable in the farmhouse where we are boarding, but all is very

different from the place in which your fortunate lines have fallen.

I think I will send the last set of these prints now, because I have more time to write about them than I shall have after I get home; if you mean to make any critical determination about them with the help of your herbarium you will have to put them down in the bottom of your trunk out of the way till I have time to think. I know your thoroughness and that you would hardly feel satisfied with a good guess, and that is all I want of you.

Mr. Hine is running now to picturesque groups and consequently the foreground parts grow smaller in his pictures, — too small to spend time upon, but he does not expect the name of every little thing that he puts in — only of the principal ones.

I wrote to him yesterday and asked if his pictures when proved printed and pinned (these are only proofs) are for use in identifying flowers or merely for beauty. I told the former I told him they ought to be on a larger scale, — that in many cases with the right flower in hand, it would take the trained eye of a botanist to see that it was identical with the print.

I told him two of a very easy way of keeping little bits of his plants after he had photographed them, to send alone with a set — if he does send any more. It would be as much out of the question for him to press and label each specimen in proper botanical style as for me to use his camera, but he will heed what I said, and he certainly does not want undue time spent over his

Solanum Dulcamara

Not even a guess for the labiate; it is too small for anybody to work over.

15- Carex lunida

16. Desmodium paniculatum?

The names in this are as they appear in ed. 5 of the Manual, the only one I have with me.

I am not always sure of the name when I have omitted the interrogation point, still have a good deal of confidence in my decision.

1. Delphinium Consolida
Anthoxanthum odoratum.

2. D. Consolida
Lonicera sempervirens

There is one of these honeysuckles at the door here, and it compares very well with this picture; the barren shoots do not show the connate upper leaves of the flowering shoots.

I cannot guess what plant it is twining round, but it isn't worth while to bother over a flowerless thing, or grasses as obscure as those in this print, or the little bit of a flower I have marked X

3. D. Consolida
Phleum pratense
Lonicera sempervirens twining round
Rosa Carolina.

4. Rumex — obtusifolius?

5. Lepidium — species not important

6. Carex — I send a specimen collected here which looks to me like the print — vulpinoidea?

7. 1. Erigeron strigosum.
2. This looks like no Solidago that I can call to mind; — has more the aspect of an Erigeron. I wonder how E. annuum with its toothed leaves would look before it was budded.
Poa pratensis? not important.

8. Dactylis glomerata.

9. Desmodium acuminatum?
Poa pratensis?

10. Allium ——
Panicum latifolium?

11. Scirpus subterminalis?
Carex lurida

12. Lysimachia stricta
The twiner looks like Calystegia sepium at the very top, and I see but two other leaves on its stalk — have marked them X. Perhaps it is one of the twining Polygonums. Name not important.
I think the grass has the aspect of Holcus lanatus.

13. 1. Verbena urticifolia
2. Silene stellata?
3. Manta Costula.

(over)

Springfield, Mass. Aug. 10. 1874.

My dear Mr. Deane,

Sometime when you are writing to me, please tell me what this pretty little thing which I enclose is. It looks to me more like Azolla than anything else, but what business has Azolla in our waters? The opinion, however, about Cryptogams since the ferns, is hardly worth mentioning. I know so little of them, but I am going to get an instrument tomorrow if I have time, that is more powerful than my dissecting microscope, and see if I can find any fruit.

I came home from Vermont last Monday, — didn't find a single new plant while I was away, but I did get up to the rich mainging region.

I see you are having a nice time.

Yours very truly, Mary E. Deane.

about, I always arranged our Calendars myself and embellished them as I pleased, and the Quotations this year show what I have much at heart always, — the improvement of this world which is still a sorrowful abode for too many of its people.

My little book I make a nice cover for the botanical specimen, and will protect it well I think from the stamping that it must have as it was away to you.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

383 Union Street.

Springfield Aug. 14. 1874.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am much obliged for the little inundation; I mean to look for it here, we have sand enough & bogs, and I dare say the two combined. I have known the variety in Nantucket from my very childhood.

I kept my little cryptogam awhile & then pressed it; I will enclose a sheet & show you how it came out. I found it in a lotus pond in the Park, — it was abundant enough there, but I never saw it anywhere else. I showed it in its fresh state at our Botanical

society and our Mr. Stetson said that he saw it in a bond at the other end of the town, filled up now, thirty years ago, - had never seen it fined. I got the microscope that I mentioned, but could not see any pits. The plant looks a good deal like the picture of Azolla in the Manual, but has no the rootlets shown there and mentioned in the description.

You did not send me your paper on Dr. Morong, and I want to see it very much. You knew him well and could write appreciatingly of him. Good man! I am glad I remember the two weeks that I spent in the same house with him in Nantucket. He was called to bear great suffering, but not what Prof. Bailey has been through. The sight of his face was the most terrible I ever heard of. I think he is not going to lose his eyesight, and that he will soon be well again.

I had a very pleasant time in Vermont, and as you surmised, rest is always acceptable to me. I thought that when I resigned the presidency of the Sp. Women's Club I should have much leisure, but no signs of it yet. I was president for ten years, that is, from the beginning till the last annual meeting in May. I will send you the calendar for the coming year. The quotations with which it is embellished are all that you will care

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[illegible] - I will send

[illegible]

One of the members of our [illegible]

her baby [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] this, that you may

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

And could it [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

How my [illegible]

come [illegible] in the Gazette yet?

Mr. Redfield [illegible] me the

new "[illegible]" [illegible]

[illegible] — I find it very interesting

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible] the [illegible] in the [illegible]
perfectly [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
could not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible]
a [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] in the
[illegible], and [illegible] the [illegible] for the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
for 25 years [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the specimens.

[illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
for [illegible], [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Pittsfield in this state [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]. Mrs. Dana, the author of "How
to Know the Wild Flowers" has seen [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. So the [illegible] is
[illegible], the [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]; I think [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]
Pictures that it is [illegible] [illegible],
(and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible])
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], I will [illegible], the [illegible]-
[illegible], and not [illegible] and [illegible]. For me
the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]-
[illegible], if [illegible] [illegible] I think to [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] that time; I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] "I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible]
if [illegible] [illegible] are right" or, as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
"It doesn't [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] will have to try again", I [illegible] [illegible] it
my [illegible], — I have a strong [illegible] feeling
for [illegible] [illegible].

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]; my [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible].

Yours very Truly
[illegible] [illegible]

Springfield, Sept. 2 - 1894

My dear Miss Mabel,

The last week has brought me three very interesting plants, — Pillaea above all. He's that very followed by a crack from the Pine-Hard for a name. I will ex-amine it and see if we agree with me in calling it Crepis tenuis. Then I heard of an odd thing in the park, and went & found it yes-terday, — I brought that home & call it Picris hieracioides; its little heads are surviving enough. I forgot that the lairs looked Fine sometimes, but I sure miss them.

I heard at the last meeting of

P.S. I was going to send the Poetry-Calendar to you, but I don't know if you have already. I put them in the middle.

The "Ed. Ed." That the Pittsfield Scabious was Scabiosa australis, and that somebody had written about it twice for the "Boston Journal of Popular Science and ——— Science" — one word of the title forgotten by me important. One article in the year 1892, the other in 1893 both to be found by the index. I'll walk it up soon.

Mrs. Robinson has it today, we let her have it — I'll see, but I have asked her for it. Perhaps the Dryptogam is a foreigner and came in with the lotus roots which were doubtless imported; if a native I would think some of those A.A.A.S. botanists would have known it. I don't see why they didn't send me a sheet or two of the Gazette containing my article — I thought that was the custom.

Yours in great haste A. L. Owen.

Springfield Sept. 8 - 1894.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have just received this from Mrs. Robinson. Does it look anything like the specimen in wool? Hav'nt we been in a plant like this for Ithaca? Or does it answer the description? Looks like one of the Bur family and I believe it is a minute specimen of Uvada rubra (L) Dumort. I don't want to dissect this under the glass & spoil it, but if I found it, I think the deer would tell the story in two minutes. — Look at that relieved bur-vessel! So far Ithaca in mind?

a series of surprises & all connected with it. Please return the premium and tell me your opinion as soon as convenient and then I will write Mrs. P.

Yours very truly
and in <u>such</u> haste —
Mark Twain

P.S. Was the first in work "Adam?!!

Nothing is to be taken for granted from that quarter!

This is the Berry and
cones to show the Character.
Best better specimens in Brit-
Plant with branches two feet
or more in length, spreading all
round from the base. The middle
leaned & have been cut out, this
there was a large plant left
with three branches rising 18' or
more from the ground - the size

was taken from the Tower Dar-
in a Flowering State — I go-
in number, all such all il-

Yr. L. O.

it name. Two days after our friend Mr. J. T. Stoddart, visiting in Philadelphia came over & and carried some of Philadelphia ideas in his pocket with of whereon he found in our Cabinet Institute. Since then in two years & half from Enough 30. [illegible] from some days in Pennsylvania and of [illegible] from our Institute Hall to Tuesday & we in a true notice. All this happened last year, & is reported in the "Pa. Farmer" by "[illegible] of Dwellings." Just the lady, unknown to me, who first [illegible] of me & the [illegible] & was Mr. Ed. Stoddart upon and long then we learned in [illegible] years ago.

I am reminded of the opinion that Mrs. Stowe's notices made the world so specimens, but I see that I can fill them. I mean to give you the pillar in color work out yours, and I think it will [illegible] in your & and in work, but I find I have to repair of our omnibus this board & hold on to

383 Union Street.

Philadelphia Oct. 11. 1874

Dear Friend,

I have had the time to [illegible] & [illegible] and the [illegible] there in order. Mrs. Stowe did not tell me of the work that she had her friends to do, although the field of [illegible] is of those who of [illegible] & the Gazette [illegible] for the [illegible].

I have not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] specimens of the Mrs. Stowe, but I think it might have one hundred names at least. Perhaps it is only for true natures that are worth putting in [illegible]. And I think [illegible] [illegible]

~~[illegible]~~ will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] discoveries — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] flowering plants, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] would not cover it. — I took [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the main [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to see [illegible] in flower, for it [illegible] [illegible] a perennial or biennial at least, judging from its size, and its [illegible] [illegible] of the ground.

I [illegible]? I [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible], as I cannot [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I [illegible] looking at Prof. Underwood [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] not personally discovered [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

it till I get another. As you offer to verify the little bird, I will return it for that purpose. I have never seen "Birds" for sale in the new country, as long as I have known Cowlitz — the running little thing, its thorn shaped petals were the delight of my earliest childhood & I feel glad that Mr. R's plant is there, although in favorable circumstances it will spread over its branches several inches from the centre.

What is your opinion on one more of Mr. Howe's pictures. Three of your & my botanical friends tell me that the plant in the middle is an abnormal growth of Solidago nicolet but they do not convince me though I am not prepared with some other name myself. Then for the tall species of which not a single specimen has develop its clusters of flowers into little long branches, and I admit that I have seen specimens with a few, — say four or five branches of considerable length, but never one with anything like this number. Besides Mr. Howe says a specimen which

I will enclose, and write in a little while
to Miss E. Nicholson. Tell children the
good news, and the Mother's. Mr.
Mind's business is supposed to
give him, — in mind and body
me.

I have been so much better
that I have not written to anybody.
Even to Paul I've put off the evil day!
But I shall now be more an invalid.
Summer's end is a dear time,
as you may remember, but I shall ask
for allowance for finding the new Year
the hot Year that it has been and been
with myself the kept time of it
in the island of the upper Room.

Yours very truly

Charlotte M. Yonge.

Springfield, Oct. 1. 1874.

My dear Mr. Rowe,

I enclose another lot of specimens for a specific name. I see they have three species among the oldest plants of New York & Philadelphia, and this may serve me for them. There is P. fierracicrides which we have in our Park, and P. echioides, L. and P. lycopsis, All. I also send you some freemen from the pine this afternoon and the various labels that go with them, but I found this not three hours ago, so I will wait till I can add the new one to the package. The most marked difference of the two species that we have is in the involucre — in this latter one double, and the five outer scales large and foliaceous, but the whole aspect

of the two species is quite different. This new one is furnished pretty liberally with fine short stiff hairs in addition to the shorter barbed bristles. You will have to send me the name before I can make out the label, for I have no means of identifying it myself. It grew three miles or more from the other Pieris and looked quite at home on the grassy bank in private ground where I collected it.

I am pleased to find that our little aquatic is a native of the U.S. It is not quite at home with us as it shows by not fruiting and by being "slender" as Dr Underwood says, but it is a beauty with its neat, clean, little green rosettes all over the pond.

I received your notice of Dr. Morong and read it with pleasure and had it read both. It is very good, - so good and appreciative that I wished there was more of it. I am very much obliged for the little book.

Yours very truly, Marion L. Owen

Dr. Morse.

Dr. Mueller & Lazin
675 State St.
Springfield

Mr. & Mrs. Hatchelder
107 Thompson St
Springfield.

Yours & Mrs Dam

I have rather too well in mind the
nights and one of the Carnival to
entertain invited Dr. Morse & Mrs
Dam to be in readiness for the case
and gave her interest in the Catalogue,
but it's about time for the mon date,
so I am so the last to announce
this time. Mrs. Wallace Parker
(the Fred Conrad of Beard) Mrs.
in the relation gave me, Col. Morse
sent to Mr. Parker which Mrs Dam
will have the pleasure of seeing and
see mine.

Good bye, I shall again, in
new one. I wonder if you noticed
the difference of the series two-
hundred dollars — about! Hundred call
them dollars. You could not see them

383 Union Street.

Springfield Mass. Oct. 9/04.

My dear Mr. Dam,

I shall send with this note
little later a package of a few
photos, and I will enclose labels for
the Lecithin specimen — if you know
of Pierce
any more details of publication,
the time then. I send two labels for
each species. Perhaps I shall be able
to give you more details then. The
specimen of Lechiodes was found
by a friend, and the piece in the
envelope will make up another
for the Mr. Porter, I know it
never to be Mr. Porter used to say — I
have no much of Lechiodes had a friend
of the other species.

After all the pains that we took

[illegible] in our Society I find the name of that [illegible], [illegible] all the English names — the [illegible] [illegible], and anything else the [illegible] [illegible] in Blue, I found it [illegible] [illegible], quite by accident, described in the "[illegible]" of the [illegible] edition.

I have [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] here, quite [illegible] in one place. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] it is [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]. [illegible] is a [illegible] but could not [illegible] here. I can't find any "[illegible], [illegible], divergent-[illegible]" [illegible], and the small one [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] near the [illegible] instead of "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]" of the [illegible]. I should like [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] is a [illegible] [illegible] a name. [illegible] [illegible] found in [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] near a [illegible]. A week ago it was found here in a field for one [illegible] [illegible] — from the [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]) I should [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] amongst them.

The [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] for them so long. Two [illegible] were much larger and [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] disappeared, and I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the course of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] summer, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] me. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] quite ordinary.

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would not be [illegible] to have your [illegible] [illegible] of

Leaves when they were all dressed and dry; they were ringed and veined on the leaves, and I wonder what their use is to the plant. It would be interesting to see what insects visit it in its native country and what insects move to toward its fertilization. I never saw the equal of the flower in elegance of outline, considering the composition. I will make you a little picture of it in my letter when I return to my cabin, and have it the flower to draw from either.

Perhaps I am partial to my own discovery, but I do think any rate would admire the flower. The plant is a weedy looking thing.

This morning (Tuesday) the

Christmas have passed me, all
planned. I am much pleased at
Tom and Mr. Johnson - I wish I
could find the other little pieces
now.

Dear Dr. Holmes is the continual background of my thoughts, and his death saddens every thing that I do, but if we keep our daily course for duty - the whole world will come to a standstill. Hoping that all is well with you and yours

Yours very truly

Maria L. Baker

P.S. I have forgotten anything that I promised you please let me know. M. L. B.

383 Union Street.

Springfield October 5. 1897

My dear Mr. Deane,

Mr. Batchelder is much pleased with your review of Dr. Upham and your kindness also in sending it. He wrote me a note of thanks for the fact that he promised I read it in it, and I suppose the rest written of him too.

I've thought more of his grave & the society last week, and though he was in so sure that it was Calamagrostis, he didn't think it was Muhlenbergia, — I can't imagine why. Like you, I called it Muhlenbergia the instant I saw it, saw its whole aspect, and Mr. Meigsianus I am almost always as sure of as Poa annua, for

instance — it grows in my own heart every year. There must be a well-spring of life in, or a fair view, the mind, for he is a cheerful and considerate friend, and could, I remember, well that in one of our walks in the country, for I think we were not in the same "set" at that time.

I will remember I am trouble, for you have in mind; if Dr. Martineau is able to do any thing for the Indians, let me know.

You speak of your mother — Dr. Martineau, and I have had a Dr. Gray in the same condition.

Let the Great Friend and Healer, who I wish I spoke of the Christian, that I called Dr. Carpenter — I rather think it is Dr. Martineau, and I think believed I have forgotten all else.

— Yours very truly, Gil. L. Dean.

Freeman &c.

If you know the man endeavor to bless all our fine name; if not, take no notice about it. He kind who sent it said the Tribune it was the Springfield Gazette but it seems to a little-less genius editor. The Tribune forgotten the Victory, - it dropped out in copy. Dear Pat said it was not and for my forgetting rather it is natural on a foreign - you may have it again - I am glad it - Gen. R. Farnsworth of Pat the Wisconsin address of the editor of the "Gazette" and send it into my address not, but if did it shall then be sentimentally again.

We can only talk our weather and hills glorious - we shall our sight we never more brilliant. Yours very truly

Abraham Lincoln.

383 Union Street.

Springfield Oct. 22. 1864

Dear Mr. Deane

I am much pleased for the mixed photographs, and I was very glad to find the Boy. Tinkin was well known & much valued. I will be pleased and will do as much as I can.

I find your name is becoming with mind for the most part, and these suffering, especially in the sheet, have for with your services & sense of the most lively & at least from Mr. Bailey, Tinkin where the labor, even if only a [illegible], is valuable.

The plant that you call Geranium Canadense did not come like that of me: I found for myself, in Second Bay. Bailey's picture a "Labrale", and that is near enough for a picture on so small a scale.

My dear Mrs. Gilchrist;

It was so kind of you to come to see me, & I was very glad to see you & your daughter. I hope the Museum & all the rest of Springfield, I see, was in the hands of U.S. and Philadelphia Volunteers as long ago as April 1861.

Have you been Mr. Emerson lately? He is in Paris now, I know not whether and bidding farewell to the Poets, & books of all the Muses, but he keeps in close touch with his friends & neighbors. Such things happen to him & to us all. Samuel Bowles and Dean Stanley were well at Mentone last winter. Perhaps the "Wonderer" was with him. He writes, hush he tells me, he is doing something other than wandering in the Land; — his force of life is no more for a season. Mr. Ivory smiles, the Museum Director tells him in spite of his wanderings, he will still have money enough to sell to buy his own house. Mr. Emerson has a wonderful memory & my dear Poetic Philosopher was born. The Lord & Time in all the & ages, & in general Law & Law are at the same time. He then is now in Golden Shrine Mercy, Samuel Bowles & Dean Stanley are the Eternal Days & Years and Mr. Emerson will see on Earth our Redeemer here, for it says, "Then Eternal & Infinite & Infinite, Near the Poets."

You want the exact date of the Opuntia & will see it at Cambridge. Mr. Arthur Cabel: it was on sale in Boston.

Mr. Robinson has sent me some Lilacs and a bud on this time — nice

Springfield
Dec. 24 - 1894

My dear Mr. Deane,

I had just mailed a little Christmas souvenir to you, and was about to begin this note when the pretty little calendar from you reached me. I send my thanks, and will take it into use a week from tomorrow. I put up the ferns which I send you more than a week ago, and have been in a

which ever lived, and cannot tell now whether I wrote at the same time. If I did I have mislaid the letter or else I put it in with the ferns, but I can't believe that I did the latter, for I have a Puritan conscience and never so much as think of cheating our Uncle Sam. Well the ferns were those long-lost Botrychiums that I promised you last summer; they came to hand just in time to carry for my Christmas greetings. I will send you a label, but if R. Br. is not the right authority, please, for my credit, destroy it quick, and I will send another. I haven't the Cat. at hand, and you know the fern is not described in any previous one.

With all the good wishes of the season for yourself and wife

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield Jan. 3-1895-

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am indeed pleased with Lycopus sessilifolius for my catalogue. I find by the Manual that it has been raised to specific rank since I found it at Alsion Creek, N. J. the only station in the fifth edition. I saw that it was credited now with a wider range, and that you, by your discovery in Barnstable, had helped extend it. I am going to look for that Nantucket bog the first chance I have. I suppose I lost my N. J. specimens. I am glad that I have been to the pine barrens, for the longing that I had had for years the summer every year with her husband and husband's niece; they are all botanists more or less and make out almost everything correctly, but when there are nice distinctions to be made they are not always right in their determinations. They call this P. Nuttallii, Torr. + Gray. but I am not sure myself. The specimen is poor and I had to steam + soak it off from the mounting paper, and I took some leaves in the process, but perhaps you can tell what it really is. Mrs. Southworth tells me that she has found twenty-six plants on Deer Isle not in the Mt. Desert Flora, lately out. Don't take any trouble about it, for I can get fresh specimens from her next ~~year~~ summer.

A Happy New Year to you.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen

is over for the rest of my mortal life. To be sure I've never collected so many new things in three or four days anywhere else, but oh, the discomforts! — mosquitoes at the head of the list.

I sent an account of Illiaca to the Gazette months ago, even before you gave me Mr. Barnes's address for the second time. I received the usual notice that the article should be published at the earliest opportunity, and have heard no more, and perhaps never shall hear, as I do not take the magazine. I asked them if they would send me a few sheets containing the notice when printed, but they made no promise about that. If I can have that slight favor, I shall try the Torrey Bulletin when I have any more botanical news. Perhaps it was not very pretty in me, an honorary X member of the Torrey Club, not to send this item to that about the Williams to their paper instead of the Gazette. I hope Mr. Williams will go to Nantucket again, & then find Schizaea pusilla. Always set your marks high. Should I have got Illiaca for my list, if I had its been every body to find it? Schizaea often grows in company with Drosera filiformis and we have that.

I enclose a Polygala from Deer Isle, Maine. The friend who gave it is a young woman who goes to L.-I. for

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X No, — "corresponding" member. I have just referred to the secretary's notification of the Club's action.

Springfield Jan. 27. 1895.

383 Union Street.

My dear Mr. Sears,

I am very much obliged to you for your admirable article "Ordinary plants from my Herbarium." Your herbarium is a useful book of reference & very on discover some name that we have obtained by analysis of a plant in hand, but one like yours is concentrated delight to a botanist; it is like a ~~botanizing~~ tramp "Through bush through brier, over park, over pale," finding novelties at every step. I wonder at your ingenuity, — your inventiveness; your management of roots and of the dandelion head

will find much more interesting reading. I mean to look in upon you

Mr. John Lewis Russell of Salem. I wonder if you have his; he died in '71 or '72 I should say. But for my own, I am quite inclined to try again & win such a distinguished place, & will at least look about and see who makes plain elderly women look the handsomest.

I am always glad to hear of Judge Churchill, but when you mentioned him in a late letter you were on going to see him the next day. I hope his Collections showed a pleasant and successful season.

And Prof. Bailey — to return I hope of that disease; I fear that he lost the eye, however, that was operated on, didn't he?

I am glad to get the name of the grass. I found the flowers of a very curious structure in the analysis I made before sending. My friend who gave it to me can't recollect how he came by it; he certainly did not collect it herself on the coast of the Mediterranean or in Australia or Colorado. A Life of Rafinesque

meet here yesterday, and I have been thinking of you & wishing you were with us. Yours very truly

Wm. H. Sears

are interesting examples of your
Smartness in that direction. I
shall bring this article before our
Botanical Society at the first meet-
ing of the next season — the eigh-
teenth I believe. I like such arti-
cles in a botanical magazine
and should be a subscriber to the
Bulletin or the Gazette at this
day if the ladies became so learn-
ed, — I filled up with articles for
microscopists — while popular &
instructive articles like this of yours
were very rare. I took the Bulletin
from the beginning for seventeen years;
have fifteen years bound; I have
taken the Gazette too, but irregularly.
Then our Society took both magazi-
nes, but they let them drop, I sup-
pose for the same reason that I did.
I think it showed a great lack of
politeness in the editors of the Gazette
not to send me the number containing
my Trillium article, — it was impoli-
tic besides, for I might have found
the magazine more attractive than when
I dropped it. Such attentions certainly
tend to bring back a former subscriber.

I feel complimented by your re-
quest for my photograph to be put
into your picture gallery of botanists,
but I don't believe there is a photo-
graph of me at any age in existence.
I sat for some twenty-five or thirty
years ago and when they came and had
been inspected, I promptly marched to
the kitchen stove and in its fiery
depths deposited them. I have never
been done, though of course I burnt up
three (or perhaps six) dollars. I like
other people's photographs very much,
and value highly the three of botanists that compose
my collection — Dr. Torrey, Dr. Gray and

Sp'd Feb. 2. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

As you have spare copies of your "Notes" you may send one, if you please, to Miss Emily S. Harrison 760 Oak St. San Francisco, California. I was pleased to see that the "Notes" had "I." added, giving promise of more good things. Those two errors I had already corrected. No one will say them to you. We all know you can spell "sheets" and "one", and shake our heads at the proof-reader instead.

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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

I have two children; my daughter whom you have met, will be away with me. My son lives in New York, but we see him quite often, and I hope he will make me a his flying visits while you are here. I shall really be more sorry to miss a visit from you and your wife than to lose the meetings, but when you have learned the way here perhaps you will come again.

With kind regards to both,

Yours very truly

Maria L. Allen.

Springfield, Mar. 29. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have lately received an article from the Bot. Gazette, on that dreary subject the proposed new nomenclature. I am glad to see that Dr. Robinson does not favor it, fully, and I wish he didn't at all, but I am much obliged to him for his attention, and to you too, for I know you gave him my name.

I have a request from the Gazette (two of them, as I paid no attention to the first) for prompt notification of errors occurring in my article! Prompt, indeed! When they waited six months

themselves before publishing it, and when they did, they paid no attention to my modest request for a few sheets containing the communication. I am used to quite different treatment from all the papers that I give little articles to occasionally.

Good bye, Gazette! Any botanical items that I may think worth publishing will in future go to the Surrey Bulletin which has always been civil to me.

You know Springfield is to have the pleasure and honor of the A.A.A.S. meeting this year, and if you attend I hope you and your wife will stop with us through the session, I shall not be at home myself, for I am going away in June, if nothing hinders, for a pleasure trip of some four months. This was planned before the meeting here was even thought of, and it would not be worth while to give up this journey for the sake of one week at home.

My family consists of my husband and my cousin, Miss Coffin; the latter, who has lived with me over twenty years, is a very pleasant lady and a competent housekeeper besides, and you will be well cared for if you come; she and my husband unite with me very cordially in the invitation. If you accept I will write again and tell you now to reach us.

Employed on botanical work at the Academy of Arts & Science (if I get the name right). This lady is going to get out a book on the midwinter flora of San Francisco. She has found 200 plants in flower in December and January, and I suppose those monthly comprise all the midwinter they have.

You will hear from me again before I go, but for the present I bid you Goodbye with kind regards to yourself & wife.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield Apr. 7. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am much pleased to hear that you and your wife will come to stand for A.A.A. of week with us. I did not tell you where I was going myself, because there was the possibility, you know, that you could not accept my invitation, and in that case I meant to keep you in ignorance, and play my little joke on you a second time, — make you guess from a new set of flowers, where I had been. But I must tell now that I am going to Europe with my daughter, and shall stay till late in September.

I did not mean that the Gazette was intentionally uncivil, — that would have been very unjust in me; my view of the case was that it lacked manners,

and that is still my opinion, though after learning from me that I had not seen the article, a copy of the Feb. number was despatched without delay, and I have sent the corrections as desired.

What did Dr. Murray call that Eleocharis that grows in the water and never flowers? E. acicularis? Last summer I tried to contrive a way to get some of it transplanted from the pond to our land to see what it would come to, but there were too many difficulties in the way.

I hoped "Think" you would like to come the 28th, although they don't do much on the first day of the session, but organize, but you could find enough to do to occupy your time. My cousin will like to have you let her know when time you will be here — day and hour — a little in advance and she will be all ready to receive you. Address

Miss Emily C. Coffin
383 Union St.

If I were to be here I should plan to meet you at the cars but it would be of no use for Miss Coffin to try to pick out, I suppose, whom she never saw, so she will have to let you find your way yourselves: — "finding your way will consist in saying to the hack driver, "Dr. Owen's — 383 Union St.", then he "does the rest".

Miss Harrison of San Francisco sent her thanks through me for your Gazette article. She was going to lend it to Miss Eastwood, a lady

Springfield May 13 - 1875

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have been at work on our Society Herb. lately, and have thought of you frequently, — could not help it when I came to things you had given me. When you write again, I should like a label for the Polypodium incudatum you sent me from Jeffrey last summer.

I shall enclose specimens of a Polypodia that we call P. vulgare var. ambigua. Do you agree? "N. to Mo. and westward" says the Manual, but this grew in our Forest Park, — very scarce, however. And this wretched broken specimen from Miss Clarke, — is it Phyllophyllum crenatum? She collected it in Martha's Vineyard.

Picked the violets or pressed them, this afternoon; not fresh now. Also Brown's Drive after you in Tuesday. May one go? Labor & weather permit. Yours, Mary Deane

The violet too, — we call it T. primulaefolia; it agrees well enough with the description of Pursh, tho' I could never satisfy myself that it was the same as Bigelow's T. lanceolata — synonymous, I know. Pain return one of the enclosures.

Cur Lobm. has some rubbish in it, mostly put in by one person, which I hope to clear out & replace in time, but we have often had a good many very nice specimens that would be prized in any herbarium. They are valuable for their rarity, their completeness, or from being named by eminent botanists, and some have two, or even all three, of the merits.

Short stories in letter just now when I am up to my eyes in work.

I had a pleasant note from your wife some time ago. Please remember me to her and believe me

Yours very truly,

Titania L. Owen.

P.S. There is to be a bicentennial anniversary celebration in Nantucket in June, that I can't bear to think of, I am so sorry to be away at the time. It was sad enough to lose the week of the A.A.A.S. but this other disappointment is ten times worse.

T.L.O.

Springfield, July 2, 1885

Dear Mr. [illegible],

I [illegible] that you [illegible] [illegible] the address, for which I [illegible] [illegible] thank you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], for I am going with my [illegible] who is to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the summer [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] till about June [illegible] and we shall [illegible] the 12th, and then [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Thank you for the [illegible] of the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "Press" on the "[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]", [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] length of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] perhaps in the [illegible] of [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible], and I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

the [illegible], — they would be [illegible]!

We have asked our Lotos [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] we have [illegible].

[illegible] in the [illegible] letter. Yours very truly,

[illegible]

Can you tell me if this Dicranum is pallescens? I would like to have it returned, for it is rare here, — don't dig up every rare, but in new cases, bring it if you want it. Take off yourself enough it from the character well, and you need it soon, — any time before June 12. will do. Some of our members know the genera of the mosses of our region pretty well, and can make out a new one, but don't always feel sure of the species. The Amherst Catalogue refers no D. pallescens, only falcatum and capillaceum

and of course the various bits were made out by Mr. Lowe & Matthews' motes, and he and Prof. Stevenson were not the sole competent authorities in the matter.

Yours &c.

Springfield, Oct. 8. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have been at home almost two weeks now, and am pretty well settled in my home ways, though I have yet caught up with my work entirely. I have two of your letters to answer and will begin with the first which reached me in Antwerp. That told of the meetings of the A.A.A.S. but I leave all the public entertainments to speak of Dr. Chapin's attending. I have yet seen him yet, but when I do I shall tell him how much pleased I was to have him do for you what my family could not, you not being botanists. I am glad he took you to the climbing fern locality, and when he took you in his canoe on the river, I hope he showed you over rarities there, Podems Beckii in the water, & Hemicarpha subquarrosa, Cyperus inflexus and C. erythrorhizos on the island that lies between the two mouths of the Agawam River where it runs into the Connecticut. Our Fuirena and some other rather uncommon sedges grow in another place and there was not time for everything. Perhaps they would not have been here to your, I am

more than Panicum filiforme & Eragrostis Purshii are to us.

I am glad you saw Mr. Hammond the florist: he is quite a distinguished man in certain ways, but I can't write his biography in a letter. I am much pleased to hear of the two Deaneas, and feel sure that you deserved the honor. Have you any of that Monadnock Solidago to share? I should like a specimen for our herbarium under any name that you think proper & label it — Var. monticola or var. Deanei or both. What did you want seedlings of the Coast plants for? To put into your Herb. and thus make your specimens more complete? Or is there something about them that you wanted to study up?

The rest of the letter was about the good time that you and your wife were having but I assure you that my husband & cousin have not done telling me yet what a good time they had with their guests. I think you both gave us much pleasure as you received, and have certainly left a sweet memory in the house. I wanted to invite Mr. & Mrs. Dame also, and would have done so if I had been going to stay at home, but as they would have been strangers too, at the beginning, as you were, I

I thought I had better say nothing about that plan. I suppose you see Mr. Dame sometimes; we keep up no correspondence, but I am always glad to hear any news about him and his family.

I dare say you are quite right about the Alyssum in our lawn; I didn't notice the fruit that I wanted you to look at, when I collected the specimen, but if I ever have a chance again I will examine the growing plants & see what I can find. I turned thinking Mrs. Robinson would report her Silene dichotoma to me, if she wants credit for it. I guess I'll write to her sometime and see about it and what else she found in Hartford. Last year as you will remember one Picris was found in Forest Park, and another species in Northington St. in the city; also Alyssum incanum, one plant, was found. They tell me at the Bot. Society that with one of the three there appeared this year. I thought both species of the former were springing up from their winged seed far & wide. I saw that Alyssum in abundance in the west part of a cemetery in Tiel just out of Antwerp. That was in June the day of our arrival; but when we went back in September, I saw

the Azolla of which I shall enclose a specimen. I was walking through the Botanic Garden when I spied the plant in on the surface of the water in tubs where aquatics were growing, then some more in a very small artificial pond hardly larger than the tubs, it looked to me exactly like ours, and it covered the water in the same way but it was labelled Azolla gracilis – authority added I suppose, but I have forgotten that part. Last January I saw good specimens of the type of A. Caroliniana in the college greenhouse at Smith, and noticed the great difference between those plants and ours. Was the botanist who gave you the name of the latter a Cambridge man? Perhaps he will kindly look at it again in connection with the Antwerp specimens.

I collected nothing else for herbarium preservation except some Wall-rue in Graces. It was so large and luxuriant on the walls there, that it almost asked to be picked, but it was very hard to get plants with roots out of the deep crannies, even with the help of a knife. There was a marked difference in the fronds that I never observed in the small & scarce specimens that I have seen in this country; when they were sterile or slightly fruited the divisions were larger than in the fertile ones – a common habit of ferns in general, but I never had a chance

to observe it in this particular kind before.

I will enclose a letter that came to me last Monday. Please destroy when done with. I send it to ask ~~you~~ if you know of Mr. Eaton — if you can tell me something of him in a few lines it would please me. And what Aspidium does he mean? I suppose the abbreviation after the name is Dav. and that this is a new species which Mr. Davenport has named. I sent the Azolla and told him that either of the plants he named would be acceptable.

The Liparis that I left for you was leafless; I dare say you guessed the reason — that I did not want to hurt the plant by depriving it of its ~~lungs~~ breathers & digesters. The little delicate thing is exactly like the large, thick-petalled, gorgeous members of its family, in being (its flowers, I mean) so persistent, not wilting for so long. If I had it been impatient those two buds at the top might have opened ~~too~~ too. How much ~~larger~~ taller would the racème have grown if the plant had lived longer!

It was a beauty, but I think an skilful gardener could raise plants just like it.

Your wife told my cousin one day something about her family, — that her father was an Episcopalian minister who preached in South Boston, and that she herself knew my cousin Mrs. Lucy Bartlett and her family. She did not mention her father's name but when I heard so much I wondered if he was the Mr. Clinch whom the Jukes family, one and all, esteemed so highly. If so, the Mrs. Bond whom I spent a pleasant half-hour with some twenty years ago, — more or less — must be her sister.

My husband & cousin both send their regards, and as for me I am so envious of the good time they had when you were here, that I say you must come again some time and make <u>me</u> a visit.

Yours very truly

Marian L. Owen.

Should you think I would be ashamed of this paper? Well, I am!

all three sheets?

M. L. O.

Springfield, Oct. 31. 1895.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Mr. Eaton doesn't send me any his villacia [!] I have had a quiet little giggle over his name everytime I have thought of it since I heard the news. But he has zeal if not knowledge, and the latter will come with years, for I fancy he is quite a young man. and who hasn't made similar mistakes at some time or other? My first recollection of Elatine is in 1848 when I was still using Torrey's "Botany"; I knew it then as Crypta minima, Vt. How [illegible] and the Linnaean

by other then, I may [illegible] the new [illegible] Gray's Manual [illegible] turning to give time in [illegible] have never got my [illegible] for my [illegible] M.L.B.

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THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Mr. Walter Deane
9 Webster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

I will send you two Cruciferæ for a name — wretched specimens. If you know them at a glance please tell me what you call them, if you do not, throw them away at once, for they are too poor to work over. They were brought in to the Society some time in October, and were found on some dumping ground or amongst roadside weeds. The finders will remember the locality, and if we know the names we shall put them into our list of Springfield plants, but we don't wanta to give anybody five minutes' trouble about them. I thought one — the narrow-leaved one, which has immature pods on it — might be Erysimum cheiranthoides; the other didn't seem to agree with anything in the Manual. About the other I should say that I cannot perceive any two or three-parted hairs in the scant pubescence.

I see you have abundant botanical work laid out for the winter, but you will find it so pleasant that it will not bear hard upon you.

Springfield, Nov. 17. 1895.

Dear Mr. Deane,

What a pity that Mr. Eaton didn't appreciate his Tillaea enough to keep it! But we can't feel very sure that it was Tillaea after his sending you Elatine. I hope he will collect more next season whatever it was. He sent me some Isoetes Eatoni, living plants and pressed specimens.

I had a letter from Mr. Deane the eleventh day after his accident, and he told me in it about his happy summer in Nantucket, and his observations on the burnt district, for a dreadful fire went round the island from the South Shore by way of Tom Nevers Head to Gibbs's Swamp, the fall before. He gave me two names of

five plants not in the Catalogue. Physalis Peruviana, Nees, Populus tremuloides, Michx. Viola primulaefolia, L. Mikania scandens, L. and Epilobium angustifolium, L. This last had been reported before but the others were all new to me, and I was much pleased with them. I always thought the Mikania ought to be found on the island, but had looked for it in vain. He found one white-blossomed plant of the Willowherb. The whole letter was so valuable as well as interesting that I fastened it into my copy of the Catalogue.

I am glad to hear that he is getting along well. I had not heard from him for about seven years before this.

I will send you a letter of Mr. Eaton's and part of another of Eaton's date, not to be returned. He thinks our Azolla closely resembles A. filiculoides, while I could see no difference between ours and that A. fragilis of the Antwerp Bot. Garden, either growing or pressed. I hope Dr. Underwood will examine it once more. I think Mr. Eaton's theory about propagation is plausible.

I have seen Dr. Chapin lately and he says he never had such good botanical times in his life as when he went out with you. He did not show you all of our rarities, but they grow far apart, and your time here was too short for you to be taken to all the localities. I asked about Panicum proliferum at a meeting of our Bot. Soc'y. The members present agreed that it was common enough for them not to think much of it when they happened to come across it; they had never looked upon it as rare.

Reading a number of the Bot. Gazette I saw your offer of Lemna Valdiviana to those who would ask for it. That was some time ago, but if you have any left I should like a specimen for our herbarium. No hurry about it; send with the Solidago when you get to it.

I enjoy my botanical correspondence as you do; — I enjoy other people's too, Sir J. E. Smith's for instance I find his life & letters very entertaining reading, and as fresh as if he and his friends were of our own day, and yet many of them passed on to a better world a full hundred years ago. But not the lively lady who edited the book — Sir J's widow who lived to be over a hundred.

Your wife has indeed a distinguished ancestry, — she can claim a place amongst the "Colonial Dames" or any other association of that sort, and perhaps she has already joined one. I have no "lineage" among my forefathers, but I am eligible to the same societies on other grounds. Four Pilgrim fathers & mothers, and, back of them John Robinson, the

Leyden pastor, ministers and elders in Boston and Salem of the very earliest settlers, and a very near relationship to Benj. Franklin are some of the qualifications I proved put forth. I am content for the present, however, with being a Daughter of the Am. Revolution, I was in Paris the Fourth of July and had no way of celebrating but to wear my badge. There was a young Boston gentleman with us part of the time who always lifted his hat and saluted the flag wherever he saw it flying — a very proper thing I thought.

How funny Fliegende Blätter is! I enjoy the hit at the botanists, for they deserved it if they could hit all lions' tails from palm trees.

Our family all send their best regards to you and your wife.

Yours very truly

Frances L. Owen

Springfield, Nov. 24. 1875 -

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am very much obliged for the Lemna and the Solidago - very nice specimens. The "Notes from my Herbarium" seemed to me the most interesting I have seen yet; do keep on. For still another thing I send my thanks, - the names of those two wretched specimens.

I hope the "curious oak" is going to prove something very pleasing; let me know if you gain any glory from it.

I suppose Mr. Batchelder is still in Manchester, unless he is going about the country seeking for some opening for a music teacher and organist, - a difficult thing to find for a man of his age. Every community now is overstocked with music teachers, young people mostly who live with their parents & pay no board, so can afford to give lessons at very low prices. Their

instructions may not be worth any more than they ask, may be a positive injury to the pupils, but what does the average parent know about that? Mr. Batchelder is not of the highest rank in his profession, – not one of those who can command the highest price for all their hours, and have besides a waiting list of applicants begging for the first vacancy. His wife has been suffering from nervous prostration for some three years, but she is with her father & mother in her old home. Her father is very well off, and she is more than welcome to stay with him and her mother, so the case is not as pitiful as a great many are. They have no children, though they lost a dear little girl about eight years ago.

I do not hear from Mr. B. directly, but I happened to meet an intimate friend of his wife's last Thursday and inquired after him.

Yours with kind regards

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. 24. 1895

Dear Mr. Deane,

As nobody appreciates the extended Dana Wild Flowers more than you, I have selected the prettiest of the blue fringils that Mr. Hine sent for names and made them up into a book for you, — one which I hope will interest your wife too, and in which she is to share. My son made the title page; I always call on him for any such work, and the whole thing goes with the good wishes of the season to you and your wife.

A little botany must come in, for I had a letter yesterday from

my botanical friend in San Francisco and she tells me that Prof. Douglass Campbell of Stanford University has made a special study of Azolla and he says that there is no A. Caroliniana in the state, but the plant so-called is A. filiculoides. You see I pursue my researches about that plant in every direction as I have opportunity.

Mrs. Harrison (my friend mentioned above) put in this Cyperus, — she did not know its specific name. I think it is of no eastern species that I ever saw, and it was sent along without comment, I suppose for its beauty, for it is pretty certainly to an educated eye.

Sending you and your wife best wishes for a merry Christmas & Happy New Year, in which my family desire to join,

Your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Jan 6-1896.

Dear Mr. Deane,

You wrote to me immediately after Christmas and said all that ~~that~~ could be desired even by one far more exacting than I am. Next your wife wrote a very pleasant letter, so you can set your mind at rest. But I am the sinner! Not a wilful one however, so I am sure you will excuse me. I send my thanks at this late day for that pretty little card of pansies and violets and its place in French for remembrance; I will indeed remember you. My husband laughed over his owl and the message that came with it, and has it now on his office mantel piece. He sends his thanks and wants me to mention that the wells of the house are kept up as strictly

As ever.

I was glad to learn from your postal card that Mr. Dance was getting along well.

I enclose something about postage of botanical specimens; they don't let mine go through the P.O. at any even rate, and I don't believe the statement is true. Yet I cut it out of "The Observer" a magazine devoted to botany and other branches of natural history, and I supposed at the time that I could depend upon it.

The Christmas holidays and even a few days over are the busiest of the year with me, and those that are just over two whole days were taken out by calls upon my time entirely unexpected. I am sadly behindhand still in my letter writing but hope to work through this week.

With kind regards to you and your wife, Yours very truly

Marion L. Owen

Springfield. Jan. 22. 1896.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have learned that there is an article by you on the Glass Flowers, in the Botanical Gazette. Will you be kind enough to tell me in what number? I can't think of a bit of news to tell you, botanical or family, so I send forth my question unattended except by regards to yourself + wife. Yours very truly

Marian L. Owen.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, Mar. 8. 1896.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Much obliged. I am glad to have the article for my own, though I had read it before in the Gazette for which our Bot. Soc. subscribes, and where it was the only article that I cared anything about. I dropped the Torrey Bulletin some years ago, and our society did the same, because the science of the papers was far beyond us, but the Bulletin has now reached the same height. The publishers say that "the subscriber may disregard the technical articles in which he is not interested, and yet possess more than enough matter to fully justify the subscription price". We hope to find it so, although the promise has not been kept so far. I am going to write you a letter by & by when Spring has fairly set in.

W. L. B.

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Wm. Walter Deane

9 Brewster St.

Cambridge

Mass.

spent with you, — said your herbarium was worth a trip round the world to see, mentioned the Ilyris with special admiration. He has employment now as an organist in Concord, N.H., and has some pupils there or in a neighboring town. If he were only a young man I think he would leave music and fit himself for work as a professional botanist, but he has ~~found~~ learned his true call too late to follow it. His botany will be a delightful recreation as long he lives, and I hope he will have resolution enough to keep it in its place, and not let it take time that he ought not to give to it.

We are rejoicing here over the re-opening of our Art Museum. You know Mr. Smith only put in for the meeting of the A.A.A.S. last August what he could most conveniently & quickly transport to make a temporary show. In the fall the rooms were closed, and for months he & his skilled assistant worked over the rearrangement

Springfield, Apr. 29. 1876.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have had nothing special to tell you, and so have put off writing, but a letter from Mr. Dame spurs me up to tell you what little news of a botanical nature I have. There seems a slight prospect that he may spend some time in Nantucket this year; if he does I shall try to be there at the same time. How nice if you could go too!

I have a new acquaintance, — botanical — and a very pleasing one so far, and promising for the future. It is Mr. Fred. G. Floyd of Boston, a young civil engineer. Mrs. Robinson told me of him; we had met him on the commons in Nantucket, searching

to a Catalogue, almost as well worn, she said, as her own. I wrote to him to see if he could give me any new names; he sent me list, all of escapes or introduced plants, and of these he had been anticipated in three cases by others. The new ones were Trifolium incarnatum, Symphytum officinale and Silene dichotoma. Mrs. Robinson had sent you a specimen of this last, but she told me that it was one that he gave her, so he is to have the credit of it. He gave me new stations for ten more, but there again he had been anticipated in some cases by others. Several letters have passed between us, and I like him more and more; I am sure he is a born botanist, and that is the only kind that amounts to much. He was laying out a road in Nantucket last summer, and "kept his eyes about him" as he says he always does when engaged in field work; he wants to go to the island again to collect some of its rarities for his herbarium & thinks he may get down there for a few days. I mean to put him on the track of Aspidium simulatum, or Dryopteris simulata, as Mr. Davenport calls it; Mr. Eaton says it is sure to be found with Woodwardia angustifolia which is certainly plentiful enough there. If you happen to know where a little monthly called "The Fern Bulletin" is published can you send me word on a postal card? It is in some city in N. Y., as Auburn, Syracuse or Rochester, I think. I will excuse you from answering the rest of this letter, which will have indeed nothing in it needing a reply.

Mr. Bachelder wrote me a long and most enthusiastic letter after the evening

and the placing of the large additions brought from his house. Last Friday the building (this part of it) was opened again, and it seems like a new place. All those empty rooms ~~were~~ are filled, and treasures all arranged with perfect taste.

Today something else is opened to the public, the new room at the City Library. This room on the first floor had always been used as a museum of natural history, but the collections were transferred to the new building and the room made over in the most approved modern style for the delivery room. I was in for a short time and find it a model of convenience.

Springfield is a nice place to live in, though I don't undervalue

other places, but I am quite content with our advantages. I am glad to hear that your wife is well. Please give her regards from all of us and take them yourself too.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield June 2 - 1896 -

Dear Mr. Deane,

Thank you for the information; it came early enough for my purpose; your "Lera" followed by the next mail - Thanks for that too - Shall examine it with interest. It is in my Trunk now, which I am packing for Boston - I am going to spend two or three weeks with my daughter at 66 Marlborough St - I hope during my stay to see you & Mrs. Deane, and a little of your beautiful herbarium - and talk over then what I must leave unsaid now.

M. E. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, July 7. 1896.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I stayed in Boston longer than I expected to, on my daughter's account; there was papering and painting to be done, which she had to superintend, and the work, as usual, lingered along. I did not mind it, however, — had a good time up to the very last.

I found Lepidium ruderale, & believe the very way that you told me about it at your house. On my walk home from the cars instead of turning into Marlboro' St. when I came to it, I thought I would walk quite through Berkeley to the river, and there, back of the Beacon St. houses I noticed a pepper-grass, and pulling some of accept her list of new find when she thought a Senecio vulgaris was a Crepis? One with all the florets tubular, and the other with all ligulate! Other similar errors have come to my knowledge from her own letters, and she would actually have thrown away her great find undetermined, if it had not been for my letter about it. I must have a plant with her names, or the decision of some competent botanist. She has taken up botany very lately and she will doubtless improve in accuracy with years.

I gave her Joffrey as your address.

With regards to your wife and yourself

Yours very truly

Marion L. Owen.

up, I felt sure it was <u>rudersee</u> from that strong, rank smell. I pressed some, and afterward got fresh specimens to bring to our botanical society.

My next botanical action was to read the Park Flora through; I did it pretty thoroughly as far as the Thallophytes, and found it very interesting. I looked particularly for Scrophularia nodosa, as I had just had specimens sent from Brookline where it has been noticed for three successive years, — large plants. It may be found yet in one of the reservations.

I was in Cambridge another day with my daughter and although not in calling hours we stopped at your house and left our card for Mrs. Deane; we had little much hope of seeing her at that time of day, but we could not take any other time.

Mr Dame came to see me Saturday, and we made a fine plan for exploring in Nantucket, if I go in August. I wish to go very much for this rare privilege of going out with him and then conferring with him on our finds, but my husband is not well, and though he does not need any attention from me, or anybody else, I hate to go away for a good time and leave him moping at home. He is about his business just the same, and I have not decided yet, one way or the other.

I enclose a letter from Mrs. Robinson, not to be returned. I value her as an interesting correspondent, and also for her zeal, but how can

Springfield Aug 21-1896

My dear Mr. Deane,

I send by this mail a plant that came to me from Boston for a name. Where collected, I don't know. I think it looks like a Stellaria, and if so it may be S. longipes, — it has not quite the aspect of S. longifolia, and doesn't answer the description either. What should you say? The petals that I soaked became so soft and pulpy that I could not smooth them out to see if they were entire or parted, but I don't think it is an Arenaria.

There are two things in Mrs. Robinson's letter that I want you to see, — what she says of the Myriophyllum & Prof. Genung's testimony about Opuntia. The

rest of the letter is unimportant, but I have to send it all. Not to be returned.

In great haste

Yours truly

Maria L. Owen.

—that is, I cut out some pieces of the turf, some to keep and show to Mr. Deane, and some to you. And what a job I had, to wash the plants clean enough to press! The mud seemed to be of the most clinging tenacious, slimy nature. I spent six days in Scituate where Mrs. Starbuck owns a house — the lady who entertained our good Dr. Morong — you will remember her, I am sure. I gave Mr. Deane his Tillaea, and he not only thought but spoke. He might have been in himself more than once, he said, but would have supposed it to be Myriophyllum. That was exactly my unspoken reflection. Now whenever at the seacoast you come across a bed of that low milfoil that makes green beds on the edges of the pond, take a second look and instead of milfoil you may have Tillaea! This that I collected was in fine condition; every plant had its terminal flower or bud or four-celled capsule, the latter in some cases ripe, the other cells showing the little brown seeds. The leaves were not noticeably thick & succulent as the Manual says they are.

Springfield, Aug. 31. 1896.

My dear Mr. Deane,

Many things have happened since your letter of July 23. came; I have had company and have been visiting, and when I came home from Nantucket, where I spent nineteen happy days, I found that my daughter was going to stay at home only one week more, so I put aside everything to enjoy that time with her. The clear delight of our hearts is to go off in the electric cars, and there are some new roads this year unknown to those travellers of last year, your wife and my sister Mrs. Allant!

One day we went up to Mountain Park in Holyoke, and I found it a very good botanizing ground. It is a mountain 666 ft. high with roads opened here and there, all done so recently that the wild flowers are not yet

exterminated as they surely will be before long. I found Pycnanthemum incanum, fine specimens with the largest heads and largest flowers that I ever saw, a pretty Lespedeza Frisii with flowers, L. violacea or perhaps procumbens, and a tall, handsome Spiranthes gracq. There are fine views of the Holyoke range of mountains from many a point, and on one side a long wall of mountain ~~side~~, completely wooded and so near that we can almost distinguish the separate trees; it must be gorgeous in October and my cousin and I are planning to go up again at that time. Another day we went to our own Forest Park which looks like a lady dressed for a party in comparison with that wild place in Holyoke, and Saturday we went up to So-Hadley Falls and walked about the pretty village, and gazed down into the river bed where things of laborers were at work on the new dam, then took car again and went over to So-Hadley where Mt-Holyoke College is. I am quite familiar with the beautiful college grounds, so I took Amelia in and we went all over the nice little botanic garden which Dear Miss Shattuck began & loved so well, and then up by the zigzag footpath to the top of the very high hill which is the glory of the place, gaining enchanting views at every opening between the trees, and at the summit overlooking the complete circle below to the far horizon except for the mountain wall on one portion of the circumference. Amelia has gone today and Emily with her, and I feel that my vacation is over. I shall apply myself first to letter-writing — there are ten correspondents to whom I am in debt — and I begin with you first. In Nantucket Mrs. Robinson showed me the Tillaea patch, — a space of some three square yards green with these little plants so close together that they almost made a sod. I gazed and thought; then I collected a quantity

in our busier, hurried life do they than we want to, but besides that, I felt that you were very attentive to me. I valued Mr. Deane's call very much because I knew she was not very strong, and knew how much time it takes to get in from Cambridge. I valued your call too, and I had a delightful time at your house; I have thought since then that the length of my stay must have nearly worn you both out, but as it came from true interest in your beautiful herbarium I know you would excuse me.

How did your classes in botany get along? Show the true botanical zeal? They were lucky in their teacher.

With kind regards to you & your wife Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

I found one plant of Silene dichotoma, a shabby looking thing in its general appearance, but the separate flowers very pretty and the spikes truly elegant.

Mrs. Robinson showed me the last letter she had received from you, and I keep two of its items in mind. One is about the new botanical society to which you belong; as one of its objects was to form an herbarium I was going to offer it through you good specimens of S. dichotoma, Tillaea & Erythraea spicata, but Mr. Deane said the first object of the society was to study the flora of the region within forty miles of Boston, and after that to extend the area. The other was in regard to letter heads, crests, &c which a young friend of yours was collecting. I will enclose what I have happened to fall in my way since.

Halifax is the English town of that name, "The Gleddings" the name & the residence of Mr. G. H. Smith the present mayor, and the crest is that of his family. Its motto has always struck me as odd, — an adjective

and a noun connected by "et." It reminds me to tell you of the motto of the Coffin family (my mother's family) and its bad Latin. "Post tenebris speramus lumen de lumine." I was speaking of it to my daughter the other day and telling her that I meant to alter it when I used it and put the object of "post" into the accusative case, but she said there was a historical interest in bad Latin, and I took that idea into consideration and perhaps will let "tenebris" stand. As I have quoted our motto, I will ask you who are, I am sure, a much better Latin scholar than I am, how you translate it, and when I know I will tell you the family version and my own which differs.

I looked at my copy of the Park Flora after your letter came, — that leaf torn out! It is queer that any one should take so much pains to remove a harmless little leaf.

Mrs. Robinson happened to mention her Senecio which turned out a Crepis — no, it was just the other way — well she hadn't the flower, only the head with seed & pappus, so it was not so queer that she made the mistake; but for all that I can't trust her determinations yet.

I was in Cambridge during that dreadful heated term, and Mr. Dana & I did not go out botanizing as we had planned, but one day he took me into their thicket opposite his house in which he is always finding something new, (Bracharis salmifolia the last,) and we saw much of interest. There were open spots there where Ut. subulatus, var. Cleist. used to grow, but we could not find it this year; I collected it afterwards however at Alnanoosuc Pond, and by taking pains got the leaves, about so long[-]. Mr. Floyd wanted some of the plant, so I took pains to seek for it. You will probably know the young man some time, as he is engaged to Edith Mackay and she tells him that her family and yours are acquainted.

Don't waste a thought on anything that you might have done for me when I was in Boston, — we cannot

radicals & the two species of Picris.

Now the Coffin motto. When I was a child I was told that it could not well be literally translated, but that its idea was "The darkest time of night is just before day." That my mother and my aunts had learned from their College-bred brother, and then they rested, but when I knew Latin enough myself, I rendered it differently X "After the darkness we hope for light from the source of light." This is exactly your version, though there is a slight and unimportant difference in the wording. I am glad to find myself supported by your translation.

I will return the Fair-ball paper which Mr. Robinson allowed me to take on my promise that you should have it again; I desire to testify to her conscientious scruples about lending a thing that was not her own. I read it with interest and though I have kept it a singular length of time here it is at last, for I am conscientious too.

And I enclose what devices & headings I have on hand, even business ones — I should not want the letter, but you never can tell what will please little girls' hearts.

Your very truly Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Oct. 8 - 1876.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I had been thinking that I should take up your unanswered letter in a day or two, when your postal Card came. I am glad to hear of you and your wife at home again, — quite set up in health and strength, I hope, for your vacation in the country. I am very sorry for Dr. Robinson, but children have so much vitality, I hope he may pull through yet.

Mr. Fatchelder writes to me occasionally, and sends me all of his articles on flowers and birds. I hope he does not draw on your time too much by his frequent letters. I think his case is singular, — for a man of his age to take up a new interest and follow it to the exclusion of almost everything else. I fear sometimes that Mr. Floyd will be a second edition of this kind. He is dependent

X I could not decipher it with my unaided eye for he died when I was eleven years old. I began to think within a few months that I had not begun to criticise your elders at all clever. M.L.O.

entirely on his business, — civil engineering — and his success in it, for his support and the means of marrying, — so I am told, and so I am apt to feel a little pang when I read his passionate expressions of love for what is truly a fair and lovable science; and his delight in his discoveries, and plans for his studies, his herbarium, card catalogue and library. I tell you all this with an object; you will probably meet him some time, for botanists always get together sooner or later, and with this warning you can study him, and, if he needs it, kindly hold him back for his own good. I hope I am wrong about his devoting too much time to this recreation, but I keep on the safe side and don't keep up my part of the correspondence too briskly.

Now I will take up your letter. Mr. Dame didn't refuse the plants that I could furnish, but he did say that the first attention of the Club was to be given to the region within a certain distance from Boston — sixty miles I think, was the radius mentioned, and I inferred from his saying that and from not accepting my offer that plants beyond that distance were not at present desirable. I suppose too, that Mr. Dame could contribute all his Nantucket rarities himself.

Indeed you want anything from Springfield? I don't collect much now, but I have some old duplicates on hand. You might like — i.e. the Club might like, Lathyrus pratensis from the West Springfield station where it was noticed thirty years ago, and where it remains without spreading, to this day. We find Polygala verticillata, var. ambigua in Forest Park, a little patch of nice plants, and it is quite out of range according to the Manual, you know. Would the Club care for things out of range? For instance Valerianella

Springfield Nov. 2 - 1896

Much obliged for the Rhus - I will put it into my Catalogue, but I will send you a fine Specimen in a box. I found a fine large plant from which I took three long branches - I don't know whether you have ever seen it growing; if you have you know how exquisitely beautiful it strikes one with their snow white flowers, and graceful, too, — each has the prettiest curve - I keep hoping to get time to look over my specimens and select a number for yourself and the society; I shall at last, I have no doubt, and then I shall write you a letter - All as usual here. Yours - L. O.

POSTAL CARD – ONE CENT.

United States of America.

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

SPRINGFIELD MASS
NOV 3
1 30 AM
1886

Mr. Walter Deane
G & V Brewster & Co.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, Nov. 11. 1876.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am most happy to send back the Myriophyllum. I know many a pond amongst Saint's Hills where it grows in the greatest abundance, and have a little piece pressed besides. I have known it as Myriophyllum for some fifty years, I never made out the variety with certainty, but I never had the zeal and enthusiasm to call it a Proserpinaca. You shall have a curious four-leaved clover too. A friend of mine was up in Rowe in the summer and saw the plant there from which this came, — also had a piece of it given to her which she still has growing in a pot. Most of the leaves are like this, and Miss Dunbar, the botanist, says that after a while the slender little fourth leaf grows to be just like the rest! Now we know better at our botanical society, or we are stuck-up enough to think we do, but poor Miss Dunbar, who is no botanist, is sick with nervous prostration, and we can't cross-question her as

we would like to, but we can't believe that that leaf-stalk takes on tissue each side of it till it becomes a mere midrib. If you may remember ~~a~~ something that I gave you that looked like a long slender pine cone — it came from California. Well the lady who sent it has come home, and she says it is not a cone but a branch of a tree called there the rat-tailed pine; all the branches are like this, she says, but she did not volunteer.

Bury all hopes of a rooted Picris from me; the P. hieracioides, the first species found, was represented by one singed plant, which was three or four feet high, and spread its great branches far and wide. We thought, considering the thousands of winged seeds that it must have borne that it would soon be a park weed, but it has never reappeared. The echioides was a smaller plant and there were a dozen specimens or so; that too was seen but one year.

~~Ha~~ I have begun to select the plants that I am going to send you, but my recreation has to give way to my work always; I am hoping however to

get the package made up in a week or two when I shall write again.

And now I come to the subject for which this letter was written — the other matter could have waited, but I had a letter from Mr. Floyd today asking some advice, and you can give it better than I. Every young botanist has an oracle, I suppose; mine was Mr. John Lewis Russell, — my first one, for I was but twenty when I made his acquaintance, — I have had two or three more since.

Mr. Floyd asks but two questions, but he tells interesting things in his letter which I want to tell you, they throw side lights on his character. But looking over it I see that I would have to copy about the whole so why not send it? You need not return it. I have the Potentilla recta, but sent it back; it answered the description in every point.

I wish Mr. F. was a better speller, but

There are people of very fair education who are always deficient in that point. ~~Dear~~ Please turn your eyes to his short comings.

Well, I was going to say that I seem to be Mr. Floyd's teacher now, but I want him to have a letter one; I want him well brought up from the rudiments. You said if you knew his address you might perhaps call in and see him; it would be a great favor if you would. His office is Room 23 Old Court House, Boston; and that is the only address I know. If you could ever give him an hour or two at your own house, and show him your method or with illustrations from your herbarium, it would be a the greatest possible help to him. He has Saturday afternoon besides his evenings and Sundays, but I know how busy you are, so I shall not say a word to him about calling on you, ~~but~~ unless I have your permission.

I enclose a few headings &c. in his little collection — some in duplicate.

Yours very truly Maria E. Dean.

Springfield Nov. 18-1896-

Dear Mr. Deane,

From what I said in my last letter, you will be expecting plants from me about this time, but I will again tell you not to expect at all. I looked through the accumulations of years, and not knowing exactly what you would value, I made a rather large selection, with full consciousness that you might throw some away — willingness, too, that you should do so. I am writing labels now, taking odd minutes for that, and just now, with Thanksgiving at hand, I have not so many odd minutes. I said "a large selection" but it is only large for me, an amateur, and not very active of late years. Perhaps there will be some forty species. Forget all about them, so as to be surprised some day by their appearance.

M. L. O.

POSTAL CARD - ONE CE

SPRINGFIELD MASS.
NOV 19
1 30 AM
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United States of America.

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield Dec. 31. 1896.

My dear Mr. Deane,

Just a few words to tell you that my piece of work is nearly over, and that you may expect to hear from me more fully before long.

I have seen that clover since I wrote last; it is only a specimen of what we are familiar with, — a plant that has a tendency toward something abnormal, and keeps it up. This looked like a flourishing ordinary plant, but careful search revealed two leaves with seven leaflets, and occasionally, as I learned, one would appear of the kind that I sent you.

I shall be very glad if you can carry out your plan of calling on Mr. Floyd, and he will be delighted with the attention and most grateful for any instruction.

I hope Prof. Bailey will not come back from Florida too soon; what a terrible shock he must have had in his nervous condition when he heard the sad news of Lodeman! There is something entirely wrong in this world, — many things — to make so many poor creatures end it by their own act, feeling that they can no longer endure it.

Thank you for the nice little calendar. I have already assigned a special duty to it — marked it as a reminder of duties on certain days. I send you a little book mark to keep my memory green — by no means as indigo-colored as the card. I enclose two, a few more headings for your young friends.

With best wishes to you and your wife for a Happy New Year

Your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen.

Mrs. Alfred Bishop Mason when travelling in the East had her name written in some Oriental characters (Arabic perhaps) and had this letter heading made from it after she came home.

I send the Lycopus for your decision about the species: it is from our Forest Park. And am I right about the Artemisia? vieria? I found that in Marlboro' Dr. a rod or so from my daughter's steps - Don't return either. And that blue-berried shrub; there was no label with it, but I think it is Vaccinium stamineum, - do you agree?

Lechea tenuifolia, Michx. is not in the Nant. Cat. and has not been reported to me till this mention of yours of Mr. Collins's find. The Lecheas have been revised again and again, and perhaps the L. thyrsiflora, Gray Syn. L. maritima, Leggett, may be the L. minor that Mr. C. reports. I see that L. racemulosa in the Man. ed. 6. is credited to Long Is. as its northern limit, though I have excellent authority for claiming it for Nantucket. But a second look shows me that ~~the~~ mine is ~~Lamarck~~ Michaux's name, and that of the Man. is Lamarck's. Of you ever have time to tell me what we actually have with the present specific names, including Mr. Collins's additions I shall be much

Springfield, Jan. 5. 1897.

My dear Mr. Deane,

The new year brought leisure (i.e. comparative, for I always have enough to do) as I knew it would, and I used the first of it to put up the plants for you. And they are for you absolutely, except that I would like to have you give Dr. Robinson a sheet or two of the Agalla. You will please take any of the rest that you want for your own herb. and give the rest to friends, or put them into the new Society's herb, or dispose of them in any way that you please.

I could not tell what would be most valued from what I had left after some twenty years of collecting and giving away, but I used the best of my judgment in selecting.

Lychnis vespertina is not "scarce" with us, but I always dread to press it, - it makes dreadful specimens. These are rootless; I know I could have dug up the woody roots, and split and shaved them till they would press, but I seldom have

time to do all that. And that Valerianella! is a one of the worst looking of all plants in life, but sin death more dreadful than the Lychnis.

Scabious rodlesa, but these are as they came from Pittsfield; a bunch of them only cut, sent for a name to our Bot. Society.

Schwalbea Mr. Dane gave me, but I found better my self afterwards; all gone now but this "will do to swear by" as Dr. Gray told me once of a wretched specimen that I showed him of one of the small Utricularia, and that he wanted, to my surprise.

Euphrasia. Larger than any that I ever collected on Mt. Desert or in Canada; whitening the grass at Inversnaid Falls.

I send with the Nantucket Coreopsis some that Mr. Redfield gave me from various places.

Sparganium simplex. I am very sorry I did not press it on white paper, but I forgot that it was apt to stick in this way. I knew however that I could cut away the paper, trim it off nicely and make fair specimens. Put root to plant as you please; all were collected the same day, and from the same locality.

El. acicularis. I think that is what Dr. Morong told me, but I find no note of the name, — trusted to memory.

El. Robbinsii. You is many capillary leaves as I could desire. I have had better, but when I give away, I always select the very best on hand at the time, and this is my excuse for the condition of a number of other plants not specified in these communications.

Pan. verrucosum. I think I am right about this grass, but if not please tell me, and so of any others that I am wrong about.

Hieroc. borealis. Plants pretty large and so firmly rooted in hard ground that it was beyond my strength to get them up. The farmer invited me cordially to take all.

I call this large Botrychium, australe, do you? It had no fruit, but seemed worth taking for its fine sterile frond. I suppose australe & intermedium run into each other.

looked like your hand writing. It was a pleasant day and I went to the Park immediately; the ponds were frozen solid on the edge, but I kept on going round them and found some open water full of the plant which I collected and despatched as soon as I came home, with a letter. I do not know whether it ever reached Mr. Seymour, though if it did not I shall find out soon by the letter's coming back from the Dead Letter Office. He offered Hydrodictyon in exchange, but perhaps he meant for good Azolla, and I told him in my letter that he would receive the poorest lot I ever saw, on account of the lateness of the season. I don't know whether it was dead or alive.

I am going to mail this letter tonight to let you know what is coming, but the package, although all ready for the mail, may not reach you for a day or two after this.

With regard to your wife as well as yourself

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

obliged -

Mr. Dame had some Epilobiums under consideration when I saw him in Nantucket; he showed them to me in the swamps opposite his house, which he says is always presenting him with new things. If you can tell me what his specimens turned out to be, I will enter them in his Cat.; you know he is a mere of a letter-writer, — too busy. I think he felt pretty sure of C. adenocaulon, Hausck.

I have some Tillaea for you, but it is in such a safe place that I cannot lay my hands on it now; that is the reason it did not go into the package. You shall have it later.

I will enclose some more creeds & various devices; do your young friends collect simple headings like Westview, Chestnut Hill? My daughter says that her little girls value them; they take pains to come to school early and carry on a brisk trade with their duplicates.

I had a letter from Mr. Seymour about three weeks ago, asking for some Arolla plants; the address

Springfield, Jan. 16. 1897

My dear Mr. Deane,

A new specific name for our Azolla leads me to take up your late letters and answer them a little ahead of their turn. A long time ago I sent specimens to my friend Miss Harrison in San Francisco who gave them to Miss Eastwood who is I think at the head of the botanical department of the California Academy of Sciences; she sent them to Prof. Douglas Campbell and a few days ago gave Miss H. who was ~~making~~ her a call, the enclosed slip of paper. So the doctors disagree! Prof. Campbell wrote that he had been so crowded with work that he had not been able to attend to this before. I wish I knew the authority for the sp. name fragilis, but as I ~~did~~

Question was "Pretched specimens or none at all?" and here is the answer.

Don't return the cutting from Miss Harrison's letter; you will find something on the opposite side to the story of Miss Cannon very interesting to stamp collectors.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

do not find it added to the name perhaps it was not on that nice large beautifully written label in the Antwerp garden; my conscience tells me however that it is much more likely that I trusted it to memory and then forgot it.

I will enclose part of Miss H.'s letter, for you to read that account of Miss Cannon. Such intemperance in a recreation harmless in itself is painful to see; I have known two or three such cases myself, and as I have said to you before, I fear that Mr. Floyd's love of botany may be indulged too much.

I am glad you like the book-mark though I did not do it; it is not hand-work, — a "Delft-card", imported.

Some Hydrodictyon followed your letter very closely; I guess you stirred Mr. L. up to sending it. I wanted it chiefly for Miss Booth our microscopist, and after taking out a little I carried the rest to her.

I have looked up El. acicularis in the Park Flora — had not seen it before.

I guess Mr. Stebbins gave me the Botrychium, but I made no note of locality or date as it was a sterile frond only; it seemed too good to throw away however as it was so large. I am pretty sure it was from Mr. Tom.

I thought you would throw away that Artemisia which is growing so common; I only wanted to know if I had got the real thing, but here's the label.

I will send with this some Sillaea; I am ashamed of it, but only because I cannot proclaim what the difficulties were in washing it out of its native mud, which was so tenacious and sticky as if the liquid part was a thick solution of gum instead of clean water. I was visiting you know, and though Mrs. Starbuck is a life-long friend, and her porch & back yard where I did the work were as free to me as to herself, one hates to be messing and slopping with such dirty work. Her time was lacking besides; I was entertained most delightfully with long drives, and company & all sorts of things, and should I take myself away from my kind hostess & her family to dabble in mud for hours? So the

Springfield, Feb. 18 - 1902

Dear Mr. Deane,

I was delighted as well as pleased to find that some of the plants I sent you were worthy of a place in the Grin Room. That air apparatus then have at the "Botanic Garden." I understand of course that there was nothing new amongst these plants, but that what some they had came from the locality where they were found.

I will enclose a fresh specimen of something that I sent you some months ago, — as carried it I guess, when I was in Boston in June; — it looked like a long cone. The lady who gave it to me at least got fresh tips from California where they call this tree "the rat-tailed pine"; when she brought me this it was soft & shaded and brighter in color. It is evidently one of the great family of conifers, that, whether native or exotic, thrives in California -

I will put in a few more readings for your young friends, and as you see I careful to give me credit with them, I might to be equally generous and say that the were the ones of my training. Let that my son and daughter share them to me.

I will modly to send you these things. Things also to acknowledge your last letter, but I have no needs to this, no ideas to express, so with all-of-us's X regards to you and your wife.

I remain

Yours very truly

Maria L. Ogden.

X Is not this a handy addition to the English language? — so comprehensive, — such a medium in Dawn. It was the quick, spontaneous invention of a little girl, with several others & sisters, a pupil of one of my young friends. Her teacher said "What a wonderful great day! How old is she?" "Oh no! she is all-of-us's."

M. L. O.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Flower,

[illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible], but [illegible]

[illegible] but that I have

[illegible] of late would be all [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible] the South west, [illegible]

The Jessamine of course, and [illegible]

Grenadier, violet — [illegible] of [illegible],

though they are larger or deeper in color

than ours — and Poly Pockets [illegible],

and the so-called "Gray Tree Rose", Allandina

[illegible], and Balm [illegible] and such things.

But Mr. Fritz brought some little tree

cuttings, and in sand in the bottom of a

finger bowl, they are making their pretty

tunnels all the time. Their owner is much

concerned about food for them. There were

[illegible]

[illegible] room in the house [illegible]. And I close

[illegible] the same as [illegible], and in

the hope that [illegible] and [illegible] will

live in your heart

I remain

Yours very truly

Laura Lee Cushman.

plenty of [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] brought them, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there. I [illegible] them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] feet to the size of ants. I had the pleasure here of raising a small colony in my own yard; they went into the chrysalis state in due time, and then I brought them into the house where the perfect insects came out.

The husband, after whom you kindly inquire, is running down with the disease of the kidneys, complicated with an affection of the heart, as is very common. He has given up all his practice, though he still drives out every pleasant day. He doesn't laugh and joke much now, and his clothes really hang about him, he has lost so much flesh. He seldom has any acute pain, but suffers from very frequent spells of [illegible] [illegible] - fortunately he sleeps a great deal by day as well as by night, and thus whiles away the tedious hours; he used to be very fond of reading but now he only looks over the paper a little while in the morning — has not read a book or even a magazine article for a long time.

He does not seem to me any worse than he did at the beginning of the winter, but he says he is weaker. His appetite is pretty good, and so long as that lasts he will not run down rapidly. He has known that he had this disease for three or four years, but its progress you see has been slow. As you asked me to tell you particulars about him I have gone into all this detail; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to be prepared for any thing that may come.

[illegible], and I know that in these times there is some of it written already, but what are they or if not [illegible] our pronunciation? I have [illegible] I always admire many of [illegible] I [illegible] is to be authoritative and [illegible] we find all words I [illegible], but of course we must have a word [illegible] of scientific names derived from the Greek, not only in botany, but in all branches of science.

My husband remembers about the Arnica; he doesn't seem to have [illegible] much for months, but he says he is better. He has on your [illegible] — [illegible] — and [illegible] out every pleasant day.

We want to see as usual, as I hope you and your wife do.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Sewall.

Springfield, Mass. Aug.

Mr. Sewall,

I see in the note of your last letter that I did not mention to you that it has been so hard for me to find time, but if I had no more for you, I do now. But now the flowers have passed, our interest finally has become it, and many an interesting thing has come in. One of our members has brought some specimens of Yellow Rhinanthus Crista-galli, — a good bright clear color, very pretty with the normal garnet-colored flowers.

Mr. Batchelder sent me the enclosed grass, — Oryzopsis Canadensis, Torr. I call it. He sent it without the name because he had a mind to find out myself. He says it is one of their commonest kind of grass in Lunenburg. Torrey then called it so. It is [illegible] than [illegible] the [illegible]; we find it not in any quantity.

[illegible]

[illegible] Cypripedium [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Cypripedium [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Cypripedium [illegible]

[illegible]

Springfield, Mass. 28. 189-

Dear Mr. Deane. I send you a plant, and should like to know if you agree with me about the name. The flowers all dropped off, but I saved every one. There was just this one plant in the pond, — on the edge of a compost heap. It must be rather ~~the~~ rare, with us, — if it is L. purpureum, for it does not appear in the Met. Park Flora, the Middlesex or the Mt. Desert. Neither is it in the Washington, the Wilmington or the North Carolina Flora, but the Torrey Club Catalogue does have it, as I fully expected. Don't they take in everything? I could quite satisfy myself that the author opened longthorse, but they had that look. Tell me your opinion another time at your convenience. Yours very truly Ed. L. S.

POSTAL CARD – ONE CENT.

United States of America.

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Mr. Walter Deane

7 Brewster St.

Cambridge

Mass.

Boston, June 9, 1897.

Dear Mrs. Owen,

A day or so ago I sent you a little package of Potentilla Pennsylvanica, L. (?) I found on closer investigation that my single plant proved to be a large single clump. I found only the one clump but was able to obtain by separating them out about a dozen specimens. Any of which you are welcome to when they are dried. X Monday P.M. was a holiday for us and I tried to get you a specimen of Potentilla recta, L. but proved on visiting my locality that it had not blossomed yet so did not pluck any. There is lots of it though and some fine specimens when it gets well out. I will send you some when I gather my specimens.

X Regarding the L. sordidum there is one point I will speak of. In Gray the pubescence of the involucre is not mentioned. Now I thought I knew L. autumnalis, L. and that it was not having that way. Then too the whole plant had a different look and also I can only find, hunt as I may, just this one little patch in one old field by the town highway where there are perhaps

X He asked in a letter last fall if I would give a specimen in case it proved to be P. Pennsylvanica. W. H. O.

X He had written about this in a previous letter.

X He had written about this in a previous letter.

fifty or more plants of such a very common plant. I have purposely hunted for it too. Well I have pressed several specimens and when I do find more in the fall I can compare at my leisure.

The pretty little plant you enclosed in your letter is one (if I am not mistaken, you see I am hedging now most awfully) I have looked in vain for many times in my rambles but never found. In few places crossing various sections of N. E. it is not given at all but I have heard that further south it is found very plentifully. I call it Podophyllum peltatum L.

Yes you did not mention Lamium purpureum, L. before. I think it <u>was</u> a nice find. It is always nice to find something like that. It sort of gives one importance, the importance of a discoverer say, yet really it is chance, or sometimes propinquity to a person accustomed to using his eyes, still the propinquity is chance. Still I must confess to a feeling of elation for every find. I have my press just full of specimens. They have just been pouring in. Although the weather has been abominable and

P.S. Does that Bot. Society of which you are Curator keep up its meetings? Was it ever fairly established or did it remain in the formative stage?

M-L-O-

Springfield June 15. 1897.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I can sympathize with you most deeply in the great loss you have met with, for my own mother died twenty-seven years ago, and far from growing used to life without her, I miss her more and more with each succeeding year. Such mourning must be right; it leads me to try to live so that I may be equally missed when I go, and my best wish for sorrowing friends is that the memory of their lost ones may never die out of their hearts.

My husband is failing but not rapidly; clear days (the few that we have) he seems quite comfortable, but damp, sultry weather is bad for him. He needs no waiting upon, so our daily life goes on as usual.

My young friend Floyd is taking will recover her usual health in the rest that she can have there. I shall not think of leaving my husband of course. Mr. Lane is looking toward Nantucket, though not quite decided when he wrote last. A friend of Miss Coffin's has just come back from the island. She meant to stay through June when she went, but Mrs. Fish, her landlady, had taken down the stoves in her house, or all but one, and it was so cold that the lady could not stay. She reports that it had rained thirty-two successive days, but she declares that she liked the place in spite of everything.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen

up his botany with unbated zeal. He tells me that he mounted many of his last year's specimens in what leisure he could find in the winter, by sewing them to the sheets, — a way that he learned of Mrs. Robinson. I fear that he will regret this some time; I think the usual way of gluing and strengthening with bands when necessary is much the best. He did not know that Mrs. Robinson was but a beginner like himself, and had had little opportunity to learn the accepted, regulation ways. He has got much useful information lately from Mr. Fernald who invited him to call, but I think it was about camping out and collecting in really wild, deep woods, on Mt. Katahdin, for instance.

Mr. Floyd is certainly a keen observer; he thinks he has found Potentilla Pennsylvanica, L. which is not in the Park Flora, nor the Middlesex. I will enclose the dried up specimen which he sent in the temporary lack of a better one. I never saw the flower; you can glance at this and then throw it away; if you want an hbm. specimen, you can have one, as you will see by the leaf from Mr. Floyd's letter which I enclose for further light.

Then he has a Leontodon which he thinks is not L. autumnalis. I will send you that. In the Torrey Club Catalogue I find L. hirtus, and L. hispidus. Can this be one of those species? There is a L. pratensis too, but the roughness of this plant leads me to guess that it may one of the other; their specific names are suggestive.

I suppose you will soon be starting for the country, and I hope your wife

much more.

I have looked upon this young man with admiration ever since I have watched his character. His dream for posterity is as absorbing to him as Edison's or Curie's research, Edison's in electric science and that of others who give their time, thought and life to some engrossing pursuit; they seem possessed by a power over which they have no control. Lloyd has declared to me; I have read his letters with vague premonitions of trouble ahead, and now it has come. He has done the work of two men too long. He is a civil engineer and from their business comes his living, — he must depend on himself for his support, but after work is over, he is off to some collecting ground; every Sunday and all holidays devoted to this loved pursuit of his, — recreation he owned call it, but it required as much strength of body as his regular business

Colorado Springs, Colo. July 2. 1911.

My dear Mr. Dana,

I am glad to hear from you and know you will up in the mountains; the whole of July to me was a fearful term of high pressure. The one Sunday it was cool enough in my home, just I drive do much more than read, and write a letter occasionally. My children are in Colorado. Walter left us one week ago. Pneumatic fever set in April 1. Dr. Yoder has attended him, now at Glenwood Springs for three months every year — resident physician at the Colorado Hotel. He advised Walter's going out to take the course of waters, bathing etc. to complete his cure, so he started June 24. Amelia went for company, and an attendant, night and day nurse was taken, because even then Walter could neither feed nor dress himself —

I have had many letters from Arnold, — very encouraging. The fever and efforts are now left above the sea, but it is hot in the city — even there — yet beautiful however in all the surroundings.

Mr. Floyd wants to know if you would like to have specimens for the Potentilla and Lonicera such. One of the former answered the description of P. recta so exactly that there seemed to be no doubt about the name. The other seemed all right for P. Pennsylvanica, but was out of the region laid down in the Manual. P. recta appears in the Middlesex Flora in Walden & Concord.

Mr. Floyd writes from Bermuda, N.-C. and I am much concerned about his condition. I did not know that that he was in his usual health, — no hint of anything different in any of his previous letters, and in this last one, of

himself. The first from Hyeres was so — usual & matter-of-fact. Now he says "This is a poor place, little country house. I came here for complete rest and shut out within so yet I have let everything slip, and come and we thought almost, and I think I feel better." He thinks he feels better, — that is, for him to say. "It is not low fever or any chronic internal disease, but it pays at times." In driving about the village — "driving" — that goes to my heart; in health he would ask nothing better than a chance to walk miles and explore a new locality. He speaks of plants that he saw from the carriage and then closes with "I shall do more collecting now. As yet I haven't been up to it, I was simply all tired out. I think I am all right now. I shall stay here a week longer, and then back to Paris

A NEW FLORAL WONDER.

[From the London Mail.]

The annual Temple gardens flower show opens to-day, and among the exhibits will be an extraordinary orchid from the collection of Mr Sander of St Albans. It is a specimen of the Cattleya Reineckiana. The wings of its seagull-like blossom are white as snow, while the body portion is of gold and vermilion, eight inches across. It is the largest and most beautiful Cattleya ever known to the civilized world, and it would take 1000 guineas to buy it. Arnold, the famous orchid collector, sent it home to Mr Sander just before he lost his life while hunting for further similar treasures. Arnold was the man who, while traveling for Messrs Sander in Venezuela, made the acquaintance of a young fellow who appeared to be roving for pleasure. Arnold traveled with him for some distance, but a few chance words in a wayside inn made Arnold aware that the supposed pleasure-seeker was really another orchid collector, bent on the same errand as himself, and using every means to supplant him. At once Arnold drew his revolver, and there and then gave his acquaintance the option of either fighting a duel with him or retiring from the field. The latter course was chosen.

Arnold's death, soon afterward, under circumstances which have never yet been cleared up, is by no means a solitary example of the perils of orchid hunting, and though in the more civilized districts the work is comparatively easy, there are still countries in which an orchid seeker may be said to carry his life in his hands. Mr Sander yesterday told a Daily Mail reporter that he has at the present time a collector who has been in his service for years, and was well acquainted with Arnold, who for love of his work voluntarily offered to go to the East in search of a splendid orchid known to exist there, but of which hitherto only one solitary specimen has been sent home. A magnificent kind in floral beauty, it surpasses all its kindred, but its habitat is located on the terra of skull hunters and skull collectors. Yet this enthusiast, fully aware of the risks he runs, has started with the determination to return with it. Those who know the treacherous character of the Javan sea natives, and the deadly nature of the climate found in the jungle and swampy districts, will obtain a slight idea of his undertaking. Once before, taking advantage of a punitive expedition organized by the chief of a small island against a neighboring tribe, he was within a short distance of the locality in which he believes the coveted treasure to exist, and possibly, had the tribe he accompanied been victorious, orchid collections would have been all the richer for one more of nature's choicest gems. But it was not to be. The opposing tribe had received notice, and the collector's friends met with such a warm reception as caused them to retreat with more precipitation than in such a climate, and under such circumstances, is conducive to comfort. More than one narrow escape befell the collector. The scar from a jagged fish spear which grazed his cheek still remains, and shortly after he found himself facing two of the enemy, armed with their long, curved krisses, but fortunately he reached the boats in safety, though with the total loss of his equipment, and finally arrived at Singapore. One experience such as this would be sufficient for most men, but, nothing daunted, he has returned again to try to secure the orchid. No news has yet been heard of his luck.

and his stock, seeking mountains & the-
writing took his mind off his disorder
and I fear, postponed the time this
young of Alleyo. Pa he had seen a man
neighbor coming to see young Mr with
his family, his chickens & guineas and his
plans, I think I could have held him
back, but I saw from the beginning
that I could not influence him by
anything I might write.

This would be ten from right in
many ways, but it will be some time,
and when it is, nice young men want
have & work themselves to death in the
wrong places. Mr. Floyd in a right way
would be on his way to becoming a
famous plant collector, — serving his
apprenticeship, we'll say under Mr.
Purdy in California and then pressing
forward into virgin wilds, seeking for
orchids like the man told of in the
enclosed cutting, only I hope he would

this [illegible] is [illegible] of
[illegible] Tuesday. My dear the world is
'[illegible]' it will never have 50-question
part 'Conversation' in the last [illegible].

I will send you a few [illegible]
'Work continuously The [illegible]
[illegible]'; I should [illegible] you to give
it to some [illegible] poet, or else
some one who would savour the mean-
ing of the words in the scroll, words
doubtless carried also on the imag-
inational [illegible].

The winter work sounds very [illegible]
You are looking forward to it will be
pleasant I am sure, you do [illegible]
[illegible] speak of it. That it is [illegible]
I did not explain.

Mrs. Robinson says flowers are [illegible]
abundant in Nantucket this year. She has
found new localities for some plants in the
Catalogue. She was going to invite Mr. Dame
to spend a day with her in botanical company,
going over her herbarium &c.

[illegible] regards to both, I am, [illegible] Mr. [illegible]

Springfield, Aug. 13. 18[illegible]

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Dear Mr. Adams,

I was much interested in what you told me of the course you are going to do for the [illegible], I should think it would be delightful. And I hope you will [illegible] your letters in the [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the like.

I am going to [illegible] [illegible] that one of [illegible] [illegible] that you [illegible] it in. This [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] and, brought in the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible], — [illegible] [illegible] or [illegible]. I have been [illegible] of a [illegible], but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] in the [illegible]. [illegible] it [illegible], or forget it if [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible].

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I put in the [illegible] [illegible] of the Colorado [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] mountains [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] the mountains.

[illegible]

more use of them gradually; he can dress himself, draw enough to give his ideas to his draughtsmen, write really very well, manage a fork & spoon at the table and to some degree a knife, so there is much to be thankful for. He came home about ten days ago, but stopped here less than a day, because he was much needed at the office in New York.

You leave the country when it is most delightful and beautiful, but of course you want to take advantage of mild pleasant weather for your aunt's journey; I hope she will stand it well.

It doesn't give me the least trouble to send you letter headings & such things; ~~my~~ I only had to mention that I would like them and my son & daughter & sister-in-law put them into their letters to me when they think of it, so as long as you can please any little hearts with them you may have them.

With kindest regards to your wife & yourself

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen

Springfield Dec. 2. 1897.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I must thank you for your kind letter bringing the sympathy of yourself & your wife. My husband's death had been so long expected, that I was as fully prepared for it as one can ever be for such a change, and we could not mourn that his sufferings were over. I am gradually growing used to my new life, — learning to depend upon myself for some cares that my husband always took, and I have taken up the ordinary routine of life. It is much better for me, I am sure, than to shut myself up and put my work upon others. Yesterday I went to our botanical society; I was glad to get back to that familiar friend, in our

quiet room, but besides that, being President, I thought I ought to go.

The person who brought in the Meni-spermum for a name was not there; he very seldom attends, but I will ask when I see him again, if he can get an herbarium specimen next summer. It had never been brought in before, and none of our members had ever seen the plant. I will put another leaf into this letter to see if you know it. Don't take any trouble about it; I shall find out myself if the plant ever blooms. It came up in my yard, — a seedling, — about four years ago, and is now about five feet high. It has a woody stem, but its style of branching suggests, so far, a shrub more than a tree. Some of my friends thought it might be the hackberry, — Celtis occidentalis; there is no tree of that kind within my reach to compare it with.

When you first get back to Cambridge you will have much to occupy you, and will not think of inviting company out from Boston, — even botanical company, but I will mention, for you to lay up in mind, that Mr. Floyd has at his own disposal his evenings, Saturday afternoons and Sundays, and will call on you with pleasure at any time that you may set within those limits. His address is Fred. G. Floyd Room 23 Old Court House, Boston. I think he is really under good self-control about his dearly-loved botany; he puts his business first, and keeps his recreation in the back ground till the right time to bring it out and enjoy it.

My son after whom you inquire is much better; his general health seems fully restored. His arms and wrists are still stiff, but he seems to be gaining

The leaves are not all as large as this; they are alternate, and most of them oblique at the base. I am writing in the evening and get this in the dark.

Mr. Dame never replied to my queries about that Manitoba Hibernica, which was not bright orange, not deeply fringed in its lips and not showy enough by any means to be called the handsomest of its genus. I suppose you will see him in the course of the fall or winter, and I wish you would see if he sent a specimen to Cambridge, and what his own deliberate opinion of it was. He is no letter-writer, except on the greatest occasions — as this discovery certainly was, so I shall never know any

more of it from him directly.

W. L. O.

I promised Dr. Robinson a list of the new plants found since the catalogue came out if I ever had time to make it, — a promised worded in such a way that I can keep it.

I fancy you now much occupied with your new work amongst the birds. You will be interested in the account of some bird groups in our Art Museum, all made and placed there since you were here. They are beautiful and lifelike and instructive, but I do hate to have the pretty creatures killed even for this purpose. I can't help admiring them, however; there was nothing that I saw in the So. Kensington half as pleasing to me as the long rows of cases of birds mounted in this way. Such an exhibit was entirely new to me then, and I little thought that I should soon see in my own time just such work, done too by the very peoples who had done what was then under my admiring eyes.

Please remember me to your wife. I hope she and you both are feeling the good effects of your long stay in the mountain air of New Hampshire. Yours very truly Maria L. Owen

Springfield, Nov. 28. 1897.

Dear Mr. Deane,

We have had quite a pleasant Thanksgiving here, with my son and daughter both at home. Walter is gaining the use of his stiff elbow joint by degrees and we hope will be as well as ever by next summer. Our botanical soc'ty closed its meetings for the season the last Friday in October; we gave especial attention to mushrooms for the whole six months, and one of our members collected cooked and ate nine different kinds in that time. My list is shorter; I count up only six, but they made up in abundance for the lack of variety; there were two kinds growing so near us that I could run out, collect enough for a good meal

and get back in fifteen minutes from the time of starting. I don't know that you have ever given them any study for this very practical application of your knowledge. We are being cautious in our society about encouraging the table use of mushrooms, so we have given no publicity to our studies, and in answer to questions though we have willingly shown the contents of our vasels, ~~we~~ and have disclosed what we were going to cook, we have added most emphatic warnings about the poisonous kind. A woman in this city was poisoned to death by eating mushrooms that she had collected herself and which she felt sure were wholesome; if she had been one of our members, or had even learned anything, — wrong or right, — from us, we should have felt it as a calamity that we could never act even, tho' she was an utter stranger to every one of us, and we knew nothing of her experience with any mushrooms till we read of her sad fate in the papers.

I had a pleasant letter from Dr. Robinson a while ago, as you may know: carrying out intimations from the Botanical Club, he wanted to know how (or where) to get a Naut. Catalogue, and I let him know by promptly sending him a copy, — quite gratified to find that his Club would value it. But there are some errors that I wish I had corrected; besides those noticed in "Corrections and Additions" there is one on page 55. L. sylvestris, L. should be P. sylvestris, L. If it ever comes handy perhaps you will rectify these things with pen or pencil, but if not, there is the consolation of knowing that nobody cares but myself.

Springfield. Dec. 15. 1897.

I find today that we have neither the Vaccinium nor Rhododendron that you wish to see in our herb. I dare say they might be found in the herb. of Smith College (address Prof. Gerring) or of Mt. Holyoke College (Miss Hooker) or of one or both of the Amherst Colleges where I do not know the professors. I guess they would be willing to help you at either place. I know Miss Hooker to be most zealous and enthusiastic botanist, but I can't think of her first name. She has been a teacher at Mt. Holyoke for many years, – perhaps she is a professor by title. Letter later. M. L. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

I have no monograms this time, but perhaps some young friend of yours is collecting society and city seals; at any rate these came to me, and may as well go into my envelope. And I charge you not to take the trouble to thank me every time for these trifles, — it grows tiresome. And I recall my cousin (somewhat removed), Benjamin Franklin's suggestion to his father to ask a blessing over the whole barrel of pork instead of saving it all winter long for the portions that appeared on the table, — an example that you can follow. The Dr. is not my own first cousin, because I lived too late in the centuries, but two of my ancestors, one on my grandfather's side, and the other on my grandmother's, stood in exactly that relation to him.

But I must close, — and with all the good wishes of the season to you and your wife,

I remain, as ever

Your sincere friend. Marion L. Dow

Springfield, Dec. 22 - 1897

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am glad to hear that Coprinus Comatus grows near you, — and on what soil, if you please? Here, invariably, so far as we know, on dumping grounds, refuse out of the coal ashes, or what not? — with one apparent exception however. Cibem says in his "Our Edible Toadstools and Mushrooms" that its habitat is "lawns, pastures, gardens and rich grounds in the neighborhood of farms &c.", and the second place where I found it was a beautiful lawn, but when the later five or six were all dumps, I recollected that the pretty lawn was on made land. Twenty years ago it was a deep dell; I frequently passed it and observed its gradual filling up, summer after summer, till at last five or six years ago it was sodded and I forgot its origin, till the recurrence of the Coprinus in such dissimilar places brought the

memory back to me. So far, as I have read, Agaricus campestris and its varieties are all that can be depended on to grow in cultivation, but it seems as if this C. comatus might be raised. A great profit when its habits were understood, for it is a "Delmonico luxury" says Gibson, "dainty diet, fit for a King"; and where it grows it is abundant and sure. Perhaps I mentioned before that Dr. Chapin collected about twenty pounds in less than half an hour one morning, and by no means exhausted the crop.

I send you a little Christmas gift, a copy of the tailpiece of one of Gibson's most charming magazine articles; — "A Masquerade of Stamens" it is called, but the author — focus is confine himself to stamens, he gives drawings of petals besides and "a few queen Proserpinas", and gives no names to any of them, thus making a pretty floral riddle, and at the end seems to confess this purpose, by putting this question mark as a challenge — "What are we?" And I challenge you with it, to tell where the artist found all the component parts that he has turned together. If you can't name them now, I will give you the coming year for your task, — as long as the flowers season lasts. I confess that I don't know them all myself, but I have the original to refer to, and to study from.

You may think I made the copy myself; I was going to do so, but when my son heard my plan, and offered to cut one of his draughtsmen take the work, I gave it up to those more skillful hands.

I hope you found the Rhododendron and Vaccinium that you wanted; I don't believe they grow about here, even on Mt. Tom or Mt. Toby. I see that Mr. Dame found the variety of the Rhododendron in Nantucket.

delight, but I wish I could run down to Nantucket and see the jasmine in bloom on "Chicken Hill". And I am pretty sure I could find Groundsel and chickweed in bloom in Yard that I know. When I do go again I must look for that S. viscosus which the last edition of the Manual mentions. Is the N.E. Club flourishing? Meetings well attended? How often are they held?

But no more now except kind regards to yourself and wife from

Your Sincere friend
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. oh-h-h!
Jan. 14. 1898.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Is it ungrateful, and uncivil and unpolite and unkind and unbearable and unpardonable, and even unexpected and unthought of and unexpressible that I should wait three weeks before thanking you for your Christmas remembrance of me? That pretty little calendar & memorandum book! I value it and thank you and your wife very much for it. And my cousin wants me to say the same for her pretty pansy calendar. She gave it a place at once in her writing box and there it will remind her of you all through the year. Time & again she has wished that she had written to you at once and sent her thanks instead of waiting for this dilatory old sinner, but having let the proper - the acceptable time pass by, she hated to start up and write at a very wrong time, so she even had to wait to the end. But you are by no means

the only friend whose letters lie unanswered; a pile of nice friendly epistles is under my eyes every day; I diminish it by not more than two a week, but of business letters there is no end, and my diligence & promptness about those is exemplary if I do say it myself. If I let them accumulate I should get entirely discouraged, and my interests would suffer too. You will be indulgent and excuse me I am sure.

I wonder if you know in what a serious condition Mrs. Batchelder is. She has been running down for a long time and it was settled at last that she had a tumor which must be removed as her only chance of life. This was done Wednesday the 5th inst. She bore the operation well, and on the fifth day which was the critical one, Mr. B. wrote again, and again with good news. She was doing well and was in good spirits. I dare suppose you ever met Mrs. Batchelder; — a lovely lady, pretty, charming in disposition & manners, a great favorite with all who know her. She is almost as good a botanist as her husband, — and perhaps I need not say "almost". I hope she will be restored to health, — she is one whom her friends and society can ill spare.

I hope you are enjoying the open winter. I am; I wish a January thaw would begin the minute the mercury sinks to freezing point in November (or October) and last till a month beyond the vernal equinox. This present thaw is of course my

[illegible] Springfield, Mass. [illegible]

Eliza[illegible] [illegible] dear, [illegible]

— You may put [illegible] answer in a [illegible]
the new [illegible] magazine, and also the [illegible]
[illegible]. Our [illegible] was instructed to subscribe for us but
she may not know it yet, for she was absent [illegible]
the meeting; you will even hear [illegible] in time, for
you in solid [illegible] report, [illegible] I hasten to tell you
that because your letter was a [illegible] — [illegible]
where — and how long in the [illegible] I don't know — [illegible]
[illegible] and not [illegible] within — [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] month to [illegible] or [illegible]; [illegible] expect [illegible]
[illegible] writing [illegible]; I'll write you a letter

and even [illegible] D. have [illegible] to you [illegible]

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Mr. Walter Pierce

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Springfield, June 2. - 1871

Dear Mr. Deane,

I suppose our Secretary sent you word that the Sp.-Bot. Society would subscribe for the new Bot. magazine, and you had no response before. What attracts me to it is that it is not to be repellingly scientific. I am glad you enjoy your bird studies. I wonder if you ever knew a sparrow hawk to build a nest and rear a brood in a barn in daily use. I know of such a case, and I can say enough in praise of that judicious, discriminating, obliging bird, for the barn owner is one of the two best ornithologists in Springfield, made for the time being a proud and happy man.

Our best botanical find this year so far is Centetema grandiflorus, Mrs. Dr. Chapin and two of the ladies of our Society found a patch of it, - about one hundred plants, large & small, and about

twenty five in bloom, fine, thrifty specimens. This was in woods on the edge of the town, not near any railroad. It may be a survival of the flora partially driven out by the first settlers and their successors, or it may at some time have been cultivated as a garden flower and spread from seed carried there by bird or wind. I don't find it in the Preliminary Catalogue of the Flora of Long Island, 1888, — only P. pubescens. This latter species is not very rare with us — scarce, I would call it, but every few years somebody brings it in, and we know, perhaps, half a dozen widely distant localities. Then once I had P. digitalis, Mutt. brought up from Connecticut. ~~and that is not in the Long Island Catalogue either.~~ These two are in the Long Island Catalogue as P. hirsutum L. Mill. & P. laevigatum Sland. var. digitalis (Mutt.) Gray.

Another find is Viola pubescens, var. scabriuscula — three plants. Further

is endeared by a thousand memories, has had poetry written about it,—twice! Has Coskata even once?

And Mr. Editor, can't you look up Charles F. Briggs' pretty sonnet, "Coatue," in "Seaweeds from the Shores of Nantucket," and reprint it in your columns? It would be new to most of your readers and would please all.

MARIA L. OWEN, Springfield.

Indorsed by Mary G. Tallant, Northampton, Susan C. Hosmer, Worcester, Emily Shaw Forman, Wellesley Hills, Herbert Shaw Forman, Cambridge, Harriet P. Hazard, Roxbury, Bertha Hazard, Roxbury,

"O yes, we two
Go in for Coatue."

Lorin L. Dame, Medford, with Isabel A. Dame, Gertrude Dame, Ruth Burleigh Dame, Olive Arnold Dame and Isabel Dame Bacon, also of Medford, Sarah J. Baker, Roxbury, Charlotte M. Gardner, Roxbury, Emily C. Coffin, Springfield, Margaret Swift Hosmer, Worcester, Louise Hosmer, Medford, Walter Tallant Owen, New York,

"The dream of my life to have that island named Coatue."

Amelia L. Owen, Boston, Alice Weld Tallant, Boston, George H. Mackay, Maria M. Mackay, Pauline Mackay, Caroline V. McGuffey, Margaret D. McGuffey, Boston.

So say we, all of us.

SPRINGFIELD, March 26, 1898.

THE LIST.

Coatue.
Nauma.
Wonoma.
Great Point.
Coskata.
Offspring Island.
Right Arm Island.
Backus Island.
Coskata.
Coskata.
Coskata.
Coatue.
Cedar.
Cedar.
Cutaway.
Shetucket.
Sandy Point.
Sandy Land.
Sandiland.
Kiondike.
Coskata.
Century.
Centennial
Columbus.
Coatue.
Ocean Grant.
Cedar.
Whale Isle.
Cedar.
Plum.
Crescent.
Crescent.
Cactus.
Quary.
Noconomo.
Macy.
Gosling.
Storm.
Weewinnet.
Nauma.
Sherburne.
Little Sherburne.
New Sherburne.
Tempest.
Quary.
Coskata.
Sachem.
Island Home.
Independence.
Rivenoak.
New Nantucket.
Little Nantucket.
Coatue.
Harbor Island.
Channel Island.
Easterly Island.
Coatue.
Quary.
Windmere.
Coatue.
Ocean's Choice.
Infant Island.
White Island.
Nantuquito.
Tashma.
Coatue.
Nichanoose.
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Last.
Little Nauticon.
Coskata.
Coskata.
Coatue.
Coatue.

Here's a little that the editor cut in last week — Early way of filling space in his columns — it certainly to be a full and complete list of all the names that were said, but it is only so.

For the New Island.

[For Inquirer and Mirror.]

Mr. Editor:

Here's Off-Island sailing down to vote upon that cut-off piece of Nantucket, with Coatue on all her flying colors. And her crew? Legal voters every one. By birth or residence, and by true love, all have a right to join in the annual Boston reunion of Nantucketers, and what fuller credentials can be required?

And thus speaks the skipper:

I have read the list of names proposed for the new island and admire their brightness and wit,--their appropriateness also if the island were new in another sense,—if the old giant sachem had lately found his moccasins full of sand again, and had emptied them out as before into the ocean. But the island under anxious consideration now, is not new in that way, and I feel that no new name could ever find or make a warm place in Nantucket hearts, so my choice, after hovering over Coatue and Coskata, has settled upon the former, and I do not see that any confusion or misunderstanding would arise from having the name of the whole the same as that of one of the parts.

Let us suppose a name agreed upon and bestowed; can we also suppose an occasion for using it? Should we ever say "I am going over to Little Nauticon" or to "Cactus," or whatever? No; the inclusive name will always stay in innocuous desuetude, like, for instance, the "Sia" of 'Sconset.

Coskata has good claim, and it would be my second choice, but isn't it simply the eastern end and expansion of Coatue? We easily conceive of Coatue as including Coskata, but not the reverse. Coatue has always been a pleasure resort for the town's folk, is more in evidence,

Give this variety specific rank, and it is in appearance different enough from the type to attract the eye at once. Madison Cooper tells quite at length of his pleasure at finding it in Virginia in "A Year in the Alleghanies" in the April Atlantic.

I send a few letter headings. The young friend who receives the Nant. Hist. Society's seal, as shown on the envelope, may like to know its meaning. In 1659 Thomas Mayhew of Martha's Vineyard sold his property in Nantucket, a large part of the island, to nine men who meant to settle there, for thirty pounds in money and two beaver hats one for himself and one for his wife. The seal tells the story. The sun and arrow refer of course to the original owners. I suppose you and your wife will soon be up to one of your pleasant country resorts where I wish you both much health and happiness. Yours very truly

(over) Maria L. Owen.

I almost forgot to mention the business part of this letter. I write it by itself on a separate sheet so as to give you just as little trouble as possible. I suppose you know some one who can tell you Dana what he wants to know and if you will give him the two letters Mr. Dana's & mine you will not have to add a single word yourself.

I inclose a letter of mine to the Nantucket Inquirer. It is far more in fun than in earnest, and you will understand the local allusions, and you know nothing about the previous letters that the Inquirer had been publishing for months. All these things are not worth explaining, but you will see some familiar names appended as my supporters. Even that string of indorsers is a joke. This was lying here & I thought I might as well send it as to throw it into my waste basket.

Yr. L. O.

38 Elm St.
Springfield Mass
June 21, 1895

Dear Mr. Dana,

I enclose a letter in reply to which I could only tell Mr. Dana that I must ask for a little time, to get the desired information from some one who knows more than I about that department of Botany.

I have yet to can, without trouble, put the letter into the hands of some one able and willing to procure scarce flora in Springfield, by giving the list which is wanted.

I should like to have it somewhat classified in this way: – the rows I've bought first for beginners,

and those to be added later when needed. I don't believe there is a single student of lichens in this city, or our Natural Society, now in its twenty-third year, some of us know the common species by sight and name, and we should probably use a work for beginners. My way would be to put in only two or three elementary works, and add others as asked for. Any other way seems to me a waste of money, for before there is interest enough in this neighborhood in the study of lichens and advancement enough to go deeply into it, the present works may be quite out of date, superseded by those giving the results of later researches. Any more books would only make a show on the shelves, and I think that is not the aim of the trustees of this Memorial Library fund which is not a large one.

If you will help me in this matter as you have in so many before this, you will oblige again

Your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen.

you just tell me what it is on a postal ~~card~~ card? The name will be enough without another word. Then answer the letter at your leisure. Our address for the next week will be Rice's Inn

Hoosac Tunnel

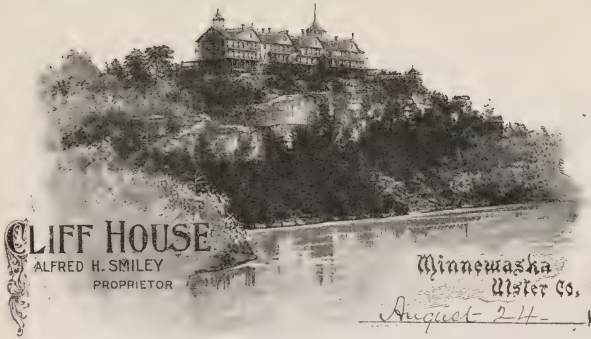
Mass.

Hoosac Tunnel is a very prosaic name for a lovely place. I spent a week there once with my sister-in-law Mrs. Tallant, and now that my daughter is with me I want her to see it before we go home.

If you carry out your plan you will soon be at Wells, but wherever you are you and your wife have my best wishes for a pleasant time.

Your sincere friend

Maria L. Allen.



Minnewaska
Ulster Co. N.Y.
August 24. 1898.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I should guess that you were in Jaffrey now, if it were not for the meeting of the Am. Ass. which is beginning about this time. If you are attending that, shall you have time to give to the enclosed leaves and berries for which I want a name? You will know right off; I have a guess, myself, but am unfortunately here without my Manual; it shall never happen

again. I enclose the letter that came with the leaves. Mr. Whiting is one of the editors of the Republican, something of a botanist, and a true flower lover. Once in a while he writes an article for the paper, in the style of Bradford Torrey, or John Burroughs, or Frank Bolles, — I mean he writes on the things that they love so well, and his style is fully equal to that of any of them.

It is pleasant up here, but wintry hot for the last three days, though we are 1550 ft. above the sea. At the base of the mountain and for some distance up the rhododendron grows; then that leaves off and the vegetation is that of our N. Eng. woods — quite luxuriant too. I have seen one little tuft of Arenaria Groenlandica, right in a rocky and much trodden path; I didn't expect that subalpine plant here, the first thing that comes down from the mountain tops to give me a welcome. In all my past experience has been Potentilla tridentata, but I have not seen that here. I have looked for Linnaea too in vain. About the commonest golden-rod is S. odora, a species being rare in the neighborhood of Springfield.

I am much obliged for your passing my letter along to Miss Cummings of Wellesley College, and I suppose after vacation I shall get a list of works on lichens from her. When I am settled for the fall & winter, I will send you in Pentstemon grandiflorus — two if I find I have enough. If you can name [Nyssa sylvatica] the specimen enclosed at once as I think you will be able to, will

I could have made certain myself. How often I bless the "friend in need" and book in clinical matters you sent me. I see that a good time you must have had at the meeting of the A. A. P. The papers on which you heard Prof. discussed Phenacetin were most interesting. I never met Mrs. Goodale, but one summer when she was out of town the Dr. took his meals where I was boarding. Dr. Walton was there too. I guess you know the house in Garden St. Dr. Gray called it the "Annex to the Bot. Garden." Our young hostesses were Misses Eliza & Susan Parker. What pleasant memories I have of their little, low studded house, — I could reach the ceiling of the parlor with one hand, and D'm the "maypole." — their yard just full of choice plants, crowding each other, but not overcrowding in their lassy growth, and most of all, the dear ladies themselves. When they died, at over a ripe hours interval, Col. Higginson wrote an

tion of the new building to-morrow.

It has been found that the trunk of the "Queen elm" was made up of three distinct trees, which grew together for several feet and then branched out. A large cross section of the trunk about a foot in thickness has been placed in the museum in the Art building, and the unusual growth is well shown.

The Wa[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Today; he has been ornithizing on The Sea Shore (at Cohasset) for the first time in his life, and of course found very interesting things. He and his wife keep up their observations of birds as well as their study of botany, and they have seen 97 species this year, 40 of Oct. 5, 3 new to them. Mr. Batchelder is a very accomplished lecturer, & judged, from the number of invitations he had last year in various places & the new calls this year. He is doing good work as a naturalist, besides giving a world of pleasure for himself and his wife, and we in our botanical society claim the credit of starting him on his course. He didn't make a botanist of him, — I doubt whether that can ever be done, — but he was a <u>born</u> ornithologist and did not know it till his wife and friends & others, and his to, who belonged to our association roused his interest. He became at once a valuable member and before the end of the first season was an authority immediately on from the accuracy of his analyses.

When I sent you that little twig from Lake Minnewaska I did not tell you my guess, but you pronounced it Kalmia, — <u>Lucca</u> — which was what I had advised my friend to turn to in his manual, — I had it mine with me, or

article about them for the Bazar. It was not a formal obituary, and their names were only hinted at, but those who had known them understood. Dr. Goodale wants the fourth Pentstemon for the Gray Herb. He may have it.

Judge Churchill may well be surprised at Eupatorium purpureum not being in the Manchester Catalogue; I was surprised myself when I was making up the list to have no reports of it. I asked Mr. Dame & the local botanists about it, but no one had ever seen it. However, three or four years later, that is, in August 1891, Miss Mary Foster Coffin found one fine plant six or seven feet high near Micromet Pond, and that is the only one reported till this that was sent to Judge Churchill.

Have you ever seen Sometime the [illegible] of this specimen & let me know?

From Lake Minnewaska my daughter & I went to Horace Dunnell's a most beautiful place. The woods there were rich in fungi, & we saw beautiful, none that I knew & we could guess some Clavarias & luxuriant growth. Here in Springfield we saw a place that they are filling up with coal ashes mixed with the other usual dumping matter, can just live upon the named mushroom, Coprinus comatus. As we have never in a single instance found it anywhere else, I wonder if Father & your father's generation could tell you that your neighbor's lawn where you played as a child, was "made land" within their memory. It is so certain if some on coal ashes that I should think [illegible] Tuning

Helvella lacunosa might [illegible] in our [illegible] sale.

I will put in a violet & now that we have found it, Subscens, Nev. Sordiscuta, Pers. & Frm. The plant was large & handsome, but I kept my specimen (two) in water in view of some drying, and now I have lost one; no great loss for they were not good herbarium specimens.

With best wishes for a pleasant & profitable season & work amongst the birds, & kind regards to you & your wife,

Yours very truly,

Maria L. Ewell

Springfield, Oct. 15. 18[illegible]

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send the Pentstemons with this, and in addition to what I have put on the labels I will say that the plants were found in neglected poor land, overgrown with bushes and weeds; a few scrub oaks here & there. The spot had evidently never been under cultivation, and there was but one house anywhere near; that was a small, poor looking dwelling, with no garden from which these plants could have escaped, and the place was too far from a railroad to suspect introduction from that quarter.

Our botanical society meets weekly from May to October inclusive,

so that we are near the end of our season. We had a good meeting yesterday, — a number of mushrooms shown. Polyporus sulphureus, new to most of us, and Hypholoma herpeleus, not so new, but which we never felt sure of till yesterday; our specimens were good and we compared it to our satisfaction with the description in one of Prof. Peck's books.

Take your time to answer my "nice" letter; the word of praise will keep me along sometime! But a better reason is that I am busy enough myself to be very indulgent to all delays in correspondence.

Yours with kind regards
Tilden L. Owen.

P.S. I was sorry to find when I took my plants out of press that they had been eaten, — not by the usual herbarium pest, but by some insect on the specimens, in some stage, either egg or larva, when they went into press; egg, I guess, as I did not notice anything of the sort. I "saved the pieces" and can put them together on the mounting sheet.

T. L. O.

Springfield, 1878

Dear Mr. Deane

I am my own publisher and think I may like to advertise the catalogue, but I must write S. Hauthaway first and see how many copies are left on hand there. I will write today, but I am afraid it shall be too late for the January number, which will be the best one for advertising. I'll try.

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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Mr. Walter Deane

9 Brewster St.

Cambridge

Mass.

The card and letter heading which I enclose are duplicates of what I have sent before, but there are doubtless duplicate little girls that you know, and some one may like to have them.

With all kind regards to you and your wife,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Twain.

Springfield, Dec. 18. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have only half answered a number of your letters but I have kept them together, and will now take them up in order, going back to Oct. 23. In that you mention your Shakspeare Club; I have belonged to four in the course of my life, but never fifteen years to any one. That length of time must make it part of your life, — something "grappled to your soul with hooks of steel".

Have you distributed the Pentscienons yet? The last time I heard from Mr. Floyd he had not received his, but that was some weeks ago. I have read Mr. Fernald's review of the Britton & Brown Manual, and it seemed to me very fair; it is very strange that the authors did not take more pains about getting the range of plants right.

Rhodora is certainly a charming name for the new journal. One of the associate

editors of the Springfield Republican is a lover of everything that grows; flowers have such a life and soul that it nearly kills him as well as them to pick one; he is a fair botanist, by which I mean that he knows all of our well plants except the very minute & obscure, in if he does n't he can use the Manual well enough to make out their names, if he has a complete specimen. He was baffled by Myosotis — Tufflo, as you may remember, but of that he had only a few leaves. What I am coming at is that he can write of nature as well as John Burroughs, Bradford Torrey, your learned Frank Bolles and all that class of lovers of the earth's beauty, and he gives us such an article in the Republican sometimes, and if Rhodora reaches him it will be likely to bring out a notice which would be of use to the publishers. The Republican goes all through Western Massachusetts besides much farther and a complimentary copy might bring in a number of subscribers.

Hypochaeris radicata in Nantucket is a great surprise. Please tell me the collector's name, locality and date, and any thing else that ought to be entered in the Catalogue of Nant. plants. I think I have a list of discoveries since the Cat. came out worth printing on a leaf to be added; so far I have n't found time to attend to it, but I can at least put the new finds on record on the blank sheets of my own copy. Mr. Dame has some names that he promised to give me; I saw him last June but have heard nothing since.

I am writing in advance of Christmas but I will keep my letter back and send with it a remembrance of the season and you; I meant to have the Calendar cover just the holidays from Christmas to Epiphany but it has run over a little. This is n't botanical at all and so I offer it to Mrs. Deane as well as to you; she will probably remember to take off a leaf every day which you might forget to do. It goes with all good wishes for both. I am very glad to learn from one of your later letters that your wife is so well.

Springfield, Dec. 29. 1898.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Please excuse a postal card as a bearer of thanks for the Christmas Greeting which the Pretty Skater brings. She stands before me on the table where I write and is a joy whenever I look up; the coloring is beautiful. I have sent Dr. Robinson the address that he wanted, — and he had to put up with a postal card, — but I write Mr. Whiting a real letter. Company, past, present & to come, a trip to Northampton and many letters which I must write as soon as I can, take my time just now very fully, but some will be found for Rhodora. I hope Mrs. D. is quite well now. Regards to you. Yr. L. O.

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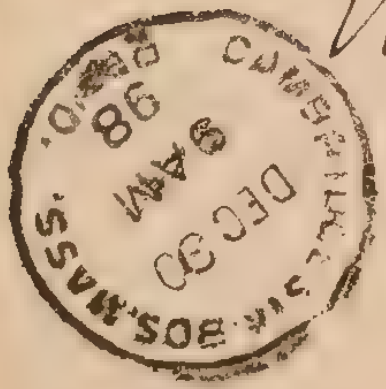

Wm. Waller Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Sped Jan. 3. 1899

I have in that Rhododendron, and am not sure that I ever saw it even, but I should think that Mr. Dame who reported it would certainly have kept a specimen.

M. L. O.

Happy New Year to you.

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Wm. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Prof. Fowler, Trustee N. H. &c. and
many other college officers & students & the
best people of the neighborhood who
for our sufficient attended the meetings.

Dr. Green came to our eighth meeting
which was held at the Seminary, and
brought specimens of Gloeosporium which he
made the theme of a pleasant and instructive
talk; he spoke of the fertilization of Apios
tuberosa, also. President Clark of Amherst
was the delight and pride of our local mem-
bership what a talker he was! and he always
came with his large botany box full of
choice specimens. Those happy times! Nothing
less than our complete record can tell of
them adequately, but I will give you a
few of the best known names from our
list of signatures. C. H. Hitchcock of Dartmouth;
and Dr Arthur Edwards of Amherst, William S.
Clark of Amherst Agl. College. Edward Tuck-
erman; D. P. Penhallow a young man then,
who has made a name for himself since,
Dr. B. T. Lyman & his wife Maria T. Lyman,
both ardent students of fungi, and their

Springfield Feb. 14. 1899

Dear Mr. Deane,

I did all the things that
you wanted me to, to secure a notice of
Rhodora in the Republican, but if one
appeared it must have come out in the
Sunday paper which I seldom see. However
I think the journal will make its own
way; it is very satisfactory.

What an escape Mr. Collins and his
sister had from poisoning. I shall be as
sure to let the Boletus alone after this as
Mrs Collins himself. I never did try one,
however, — never found one in good condition.
Judge Churchill's article was very inter-
esting; the neighborhood of "Land Things"
reminds me of Nantucket in its wealth of
rarities. I hope the Judge is well, — not
went off there for his health. I shall observe
carefully the growth of Lycoperdon inundatum
when I am in Nantucket again; that,
with its variety of Discomycetes in Cronum

enough [illegible]

The article on the N. E. Bot. Club was interesting, but I could tell the founders of one that they did seem to have heard of and that is the "Connecticut Valley Botanical Society" founded in June 1873. At that time I had lived in Springfield twenty years and had hardly met a botanist in all that time, and of course I pined for companionship, so at last I took pains to seek the acquaintance of Miss Hatch, the teacher of botany at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, pulled the wires that got me invited up there, and then I laid before her my plan for stated gatherings of the botanists of the Valley. She approved and told me that Rev. David Pease of Whately would be sure to help me; when I broke to him he was interested but said that Rev. Henry G. Lemon of Amherst would be an invaluable helper, — and so he proved. Upon I invited the three to meet at their house June 10. 1873; they came, stayed a day and a night and we laid our plans, formed and adopted a constitution and chose a president and secretary, leaving other officers vacant. The first article of the constitution is "The undersigned, for the promotion of the study of botany, and for mutual improvement in that science, form an association to be called the Connecticut Valley Botanical Society." Now as I do not like that it seems to me that the aims of these societies are the same. In one respect, however, the N. E. Bot. Club can if it insists upon that point, claim to be the first, — it is a club of gentlemen only, while ours was open to both sexes. I was secretary from the beginning to the end, and have as a valued perquisite (the only one that any body ever had) the book which contains the complete record. It was a very successful association. Our meetings were held in Amherst

very influential in creating that interest. There is an "Institute of Arts and Science" lately established in that city and an "Interrogation Club" and an "Audubon Society" formed since Mr. & Mrs. B. went West to live there, and they both take an active part in all of them.

Now that I have commanded my cousins I will go back to Mr. Floyd. He is very modest and feels himself quite unworthy of the distinguished company that he meets at the Club, and there is no affectation either when he tells me so. But I feel sure that as an observer he is the equal of many far superior to him in learning; it seems as if no variation from a common form, however slight it may be, escapes his eye. I think you older and wiser men will find him a valuable member for what he will bring to your notice, and as he loves to learn from all sources, men, books & nature, he will grow more & more worthy of his association.

I hope that Mrs. Deane is as well as ever now, and that you have not had her gripped at all. Your affection has kept away from this family for which we are truly thankful.

With regards to both of you

Yours sincerely Marian L. Owen

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in Mass. as I see from a paper — The Times, J. E. Scott of the Westfield Normal School, Mr. Penn Brooks, who has also become better widely known; I think he is President of the Ag. College now. Warren Upham then at Dartmouth. Mr. E. F. Bridge the well-known collector said he would come and authorized me to sign his name, but something prevented his attendance after all. The members were so far apart that we had but two meetings a year and later only one, and hence that diminished & more, I feel that the society never died. Hence it keeps. Some of our members died however, and some moved far away, and botanists became more numerous in the Valley so that none was lonesome. We had a flourishing society in Springfield while the Valley society was still holding its meetings, so these and some other causes led to the rest in its action which has not yet been broken.

I ought to say something about the members utterly unknown to fame who were drawn out by this association. People from little Country towns, women & men both, hard workers in bread winning occupations, who yet managed to find time for their beloved Science and to make progress in it. — They were born botanists, and that's the only way you can account for such things. A long story but I felt called on to say something for that dear old society, and I could no well say it in fewer words.

Mr. Floyd wrote to me about the new locality for Epipactis Helleborine, that your ornithological friend discovered, and of its mishap before reaching you. "Nothing too good for the baby" seems to be the law in many houses.

I feel a personal interest in your Club, I know so many of the members; some of them my relatives too, Ferdinand Mathews & Frederick Batchelder. Ferd (to give him the name that his cousins call him) is a very nice fellow; his faults, for he certainly has one or two, are on the surface and only skin deep; the better you know him the more you find that is good and pure and lovable. Mr. Floyd told me of his talk on color at a late meeting. I am afraid Mr. Batchelder will not be able to attend any meeting till the weather is much milder. A letter of Jan. 21. tells me that he had been sick with "General Bronchitis" and is it that a queer disease? Well, it confined him to his bed three weeks and to the house two more, but he was so much better at the time of writing that he had been able to go up to Concord where he is organist at the Unitarian Church, and take up his interrupted Sunday work. He finds the winter climate of Boston very trying. Natural Science is creating much interest in Manchester now, and I feel sure that he and his wife have been

Springfield, Feb. 16. 1899.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I write this supplement to my last letter to ask if a collection of Hepaticae that I have would be of any use to the N. E. Club. It is so old that many of the names are superseded now, but the collectors were Oakes, W. S. Sullivant, J. D. Greene, Prof. E. Tuckerman, I. G. Lea and John Alvis Russell. Mr. Russell left it to me with a number of other similar things, by will. He died in 1871 (I think) and the collection is much older than that. It is not large, not more than twenty-five genera is my guess without looking over it, all in excellent order in the old-fashioned way of mounting. Mr. Russell's specimens are mostly from his own county, Essex, and Brattleboro, Vt., and range in time from 1840 to 1851; a few were collected in Maine in 1833-4. You know the study of the cryptogams was

not advanced in this country in the first half of this century and there may be of the commonest kinds, but these collectors were eminent in their time, as I need not tell you. Now if the Club would like them I will send them by express, prepaid to any place at any time that you may direct; on the other hand, don't accept if you think they are too old to be of use, — I dare say that is the fact, and it wouldn't hurt my feelings in the least for you to say so.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Apr. 16. 1899.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Dr. Robinson was bubbling what he wants to do with your letter; I am glad to please him and feel much complimented besides. I don't remember, in detail, what I wrote, and I think if I had the letter back I might improve it, but I know just what Dr. Robinson thinks — that I should starch and stiffen it if I got it into my hands again, but I should not. However, let him have his own way, — I get rid of some trouble at any rate, and I am pretty busy, as usual. Yours did not tell you about the O.T.70.C. in two letters? I might have the interest-

you expressed in your first mention. The society led me on to tell you more about it in a subsequent letter. So I did, please let the doctor have all all the material and make up the article as he likes. So here it will be a large one. So that I can have a few copies to send round to my friends — I don't think I should want twenty-five, although I would contrive to use them to advertise "Rhodora" besides incidentally glorifying myself. Perhaps Dr. Robinson will cut the account by leaving out Mr. Peck's letter; I consider it the very best part of ~~my~~ ~~account~~, but perhaps it would make the article too long, and the editor is, without question, the best judge of that.

I had the dearest little houstonia root, all in flower, from North Carolina the other day. I think it was H. patens, Ell. It revived perfectly in water and spread out its little violet-purple flowers, and then I sent it travelling again to Mr. Floyd. Some weeks ago I had bulbs of Aplectrum hiemale from the same friend; I gave those to Mr. Canning of the Smith College botanical garden; he is a first class gardener, and an intimate friend of Mr. Sargent of the Cambridge bot. garden.

With regards to Mrs. Deane & yourself

Yours as ever

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Apr. 18. 1899.

Dear Mr. Deane, I feel pretty sure it was not in a separate sheet.

I know I didn't send Mr. Peck's letter, for it is fastened ~~It is fastened~~ into my (secretary's) book, but I copied it from beginning to end. Will you please look at the letter of Feb. 14. and see if it contains that copy? — not on a separate sheet but incorporated in the story. If it is not there, a letter got lost, and that is an uncommon thing in this climate. Gail Hamilton once remarked. If you have it then you have missed the best thing that I wrote.

M. L. Owen.

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SPRINGFIELD APR 19 MASS.

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Mr. Walter Deane

9 Brewster St.

Cambridge

Mass.

I am [illegible] for me
[illegible] mind. When I have been
abroad before my [illegible] arranged
some things for me, my housekeeping
went on as usual with Miss Coffin at
the head, and I had nothing much to do but
to pack my trunk and start. But
now I am going to close the house, and
I must arrange everything for that and
also for my return. It does not seem
as if I could accomplish it all, in
addition to my daily work and the un-
expected things that come in continually,
but I shall get away at any rate.
My cousin is going to Nantucket to stay
all the time that I am gone.

I hope Mrs. Deane continues as well
as when you gave such a good report
of her health.

With best regards to both
Yours very truly
Mary L. Owen

Springfield, Mlay 15. 1896.

Dear Mr. Deane,

The proof of the Com. Valley
Bot. Soc. article came to me today
and I have just finished correcting
it. It set me to thinking again
about the letter or letters to me.
Did not I copy for you one that I
received from Mr. Peck while we
had our plans under consideration?
But I can answer that question
myself — I did copy it; what I
want to know is whether you received
it; if not, a letter of mine got lost,
and that is a very uncommon thing.

A piece of news for you is
that I am going to Europe for the
summer, — my daughter, as usual, my
companion. We are to sail June 7th

in the Germanic from Boston, and have our return tickets for the Teutonic from London — September 21st, which gives us three full months on the other side. We shall not stay from the British Isles, unless we go over to Normandy for a short time. The Isle of Wight is so much to see that, and summer is no time for touring Europe, and the sight of "our old home" are irresistible, and the climate, so cool, allows us to travel without fatigue. We have never been in Ireland and we mean to go there first for a few weeks, then to North Wales, and spend all the rest of the time in making our slow and devious way to London where we shall spend the last fortnight. But this is subject to change.

I expect you are all for summer are all made; if you go to Jaffrey you may meet my friend Miss Forman as you did once before. I believe you did not find out that she was a very fair botanist as well as a true lover of flowers. Her time through life has been much taken up with other things, so that she has not made botany as much of a study as she would have been glad to do, but she can appreciate your work.

Some botanical matter came to me a short time ago, but with nothing to indicate the sender. The pamphlets ~~was~~ contained articles by Dr. Robinson and Mr. Fernald. I am much obliged for the attention, but do not know where to send them and thanks.

[illegible], Nov 25. 1874.

[illegible] I [illegible] at [illegible] with
my address; Course you mean to use it and [illegible]
do I hold on till more [illegible]
From Paris my letter will be [illegible] Care of Trübner & Co
forwarded. London
England.

[illegible] !

I [illegible] to [illegible] and
[illegible] I [illegible] to
[illegible] this year.
[illegible] Is there [illegible]
If so, [illegible] question specie [illegible]?
How can I [illegible] decision? If there is [illegible]
[illegible] (Sep)

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SPRINGFIELD
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Mr. Frater Deane
7 Dunster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, Oct. 5. 1849.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I got home three days ago, but did not receive your letter till last evening. I found that Mr. Barnard in Nantucket had not sold a single copy of the Catalogue this year, so I shall discontinue my advertisement. Your preceding letter showed by its date that I was on the ocean when it was written; it reached me somewhere in Ireland — in Dublin perhaps. I have no time for writing letters yet, for I find much more than the usual fall work to be done about the house, and shall not get settled for a month. What do you think of my being obliged, at this season of the year, to have my whole furnace taken apart for some internal repairs?! But on the other hand I have a new girl who is going to prove a jewel I feel sure, and this is a compensation for which I am not ungrateful. I am ready to have letters though not to answer them. With regard to you & your wife & your everything, I hope when

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BOSTON, CAMB. OCT 6 5 PM 99 REC'D.

Mr. Walter Deane
97 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Edinburgh Dec. 23. 1891

Dear Mr. Dodge,

I took up in a little [illegible] yesterday an entry in the Page [illegible] a reminiscence. I never saw a line [illegible] which [illegible] system is a [illegible] and [illegible] you for practical purposes. But this will make an [illegible] place on your writing desk [illegible] in Edinburgh [illegible] [illegible] up.

I wish I had time to write you a letter, but I mean to [illegible] three months in my life than those that, since I came Sept. 1, I have not been able to [illegible] the [illegible] flowers that I collected abroad. Meanwhile in the [illegible] I had up [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] in Dublin and [illegible] in Wales. — You will see

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours very sincerely,

[illegible]

P.S. Your postal card came early in the month and I [illegible] it in several [illegible] minutes [illegible], and it [illegible] [illegible] the right postman's collection. [illegible]

us that the wicked Anne Hathaway had never been born, — yes, — and she should wish so, just the same, if she had all the money the visitors paid — Now was it that worth going out to hear?

But I have it mentioned yet why I wanted to write to you about Stratford. Did you think it possible, conceivable even, that it had been reserved for me to let forth anything new about the estable "Good friend" &c.? No, it is not possible, still I never heard, and never saw in print, what came into my mind from something that I learned on the spot. It must have occurred to many, but their observations never reached me.

In Shakspeare's time there was, close to the church, a "bone-house", a place into which human bones from the church yard were thrown from time to time to make room for new burials. There they lay, visible at all times, these ghastly objects, — and if the thought even is horrible to us, what must the sight have been to the sensitive, imaginative man that Shakspeare undoubtedly was? It is easy to fancy the shuddering aversion with which he passed the dreadful place when he must, — we may be sure he kept never

Springfield Jan. 9. 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

At this late date I send my thanks for your pretty card of greeting at Christmas. It has not been "out of sight & out of mind" for it stands up among my numerous unanswered letters and memoranda the only pretty thing there, and when I look up it rests me to dwell upon the little blue flowers for a minute. Mrs Cousin wishes to join her thanks with mine for your remembrance of her.

I wrote Mr. Floyd a long letter a few days ago, and asked him to send it to you — when convenient. When Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson was abroad she wrote "encyclicals" to her friends — why should not I? In fact I did all summer. I went to correct a glaring error in this letter to Mr. F. I said that Milton's "Comus", which he wrote in Ludlow Castle, was acted at once by the children of Sir Henry Sidney. His wedding

there than in Snowdon of Wales. This was a bizarre [illegible] information on the one we had it from the Cantonbeam of the pink old [illegible], I suppose, — but when even to picked it up, a momentary reflection would have shown the impossibility of the statement, for it is not quite an ignorance in history. Sir Philip Sidney, if the mind of Queen Elizabeth who died in the early age of 30 could not have been acting in a "masque" in the time of Charles I. It was made the Earl of Bridgewater who lived under Cromwell, early years, and it was his children who took the parts in the play.

I went over from Hereford to Stratford-on-Avon. Now I seem to hear you saying "Just as if I wanted to hear that tiresome old Sam again for the ninety-ninth time." Have patience. When I was in London eight years ago, I would not go to Stratford notwithstanding it is so near; I heeded Mr Richard Grant White's advice; but when in Hereford, much farther off, I resolved to go. Mr. White was a great Shakespeare scholar, I reasoned, — I, only a little one — I had no idea and precon-ception enough to cause me serious damage even if the child was overturned. I wish that my daughter Emily for the trip but she made no objection. Then came next your tour — town crowded with Americans, — house full, crowded — all [illegible] time [illegible] to town not to skip the procession; then I came out of order not [illegible] told, you [illegible] I had reserved it, whether little William was born in the [illegible] or the cellar — whether [illegible] old — Ah Richard, you were so right, so for yourself —

"I had a vision of my own,
Ah, who said I did so?"

Yet there are good things in Stratford, and if the day had it been one of American heat, I should have had a good time after all, that is, if I had been well enough to keep away from "the house" for instance. We drove over to Shottery, — too hot to take the pleasant short cut on foot. Same procession of sightseers, listening to the explanations which the poor lady who has charge of the place was repeating for the ten-thousandth time. She told me of

You told me of the Ornithological Club among those that you belong to, is Mr. Geo. H. Mackay a member? I know him very well, and know his great interest in birds.

Yours

when he died; and we may be sure that the feelings of the child never wore off, and that the thoughts of what might be done with his own bones drew from him the imploring cry of his epitaph. Now, to come to the practical conclusion of the matter, I believe that the grave must be reverently opened, the contents inspected and recorded for all future time, and then all restored & left in its present ~~subject~~ condition, with no danger of calling down the curse upon those who did the deed. Delia T. Bacon said there were documents buried with the man — I was going to say "the poet," but, according to her, he was not the poet — documents that would prove her theory. Her heart failed her when she went with the proper assistants to "move the stones," but I am so strong in this new belief of mine, that I don't think my heart would fail; only I should want a goodly number of helpers & the church brightly lighted and the choir singing anthems all the time. I have an

imagination too. But is not this explanation of the epitaph's meaning as plausible as — more than plausible? And so tell me if the theory is well-known even if it has somehow escaped me.

Stratford is very interesting, not Mr. White & I took it the wrong end, so to speak. You were to enjoy it to get the good of its associations, it is to go there for a week, — no less, but even more than that time, — and to go before or after the tourist season. There are places in the town where we could spend hours with pleasure, where we stayed only minutes, and there are delightful places in the neighborhood, for short excursions.

We had but about fifteen minutes to mourn over the interior of the Church. This ought to have been kept in perfect repair of course, but exactly as it was when Shakspeare was buried there; now they are putting in stained glass windows and embroideries, and carvings and all sorts of fussy things just as fast as they can get the money for them. I should want an hour to condemn and mourn, and then to weep and leave it forever, shaking the dust from my feet. I should guide them next where the river lies still and sleepy, where the mean and wicked in vain desire to enter.

I shall write you no more letters of this sort — a pleasure forever perhaps — I wish for much of our delighted time was spent in writing long epistles, if they only would demand the same in return, and you are perfectly free to answer as I am free to decline.

With kind regards to Mrs. Deane as well as yourself

Yours sincerely Maria L. Pum-

(over)

Springfield, Feb. 8 - '[illegible]

Dear Mr. Deane,

I shall not scold a little about your receiving my letters. "Put everything to its best use" is the rule of the good housekeeper; the "best-worn" rags must have to reappear in some appetizing form, and old [illegible] lives through almost as many lives as a cat before it is condemned to the rag-bag, and even then I believe myself that some old rag-rug-maker could use it, and I have it so. And my letters, come under the same rule, as long as they can please or profit anybody, let them circulate.

And what a return I got! A letter from Dr. Polge is a prized favor. I suppose you have received it from my daughter before this, and the Folk-Lore Recly too; I know she would enjoy reading both as she went to Stratford with me.

Now I have another Shakspearean topic - the

room for I'd answer — I suppose I've been it, ~~at~~ — the memory is very fine — and can tell me what "immortal" there of "Genius and it" is meant. I wonder that the author — did not put it at the head of his verses, for he could not expect anybody to guess it —

DR STEBBINS FOR DR CHAPIN.

To the Editor of The Republican:—

In your issue of the 26th there appears this item: "Mayor-elect Hayes has talked with six physicians who signed a petition for the reappointment of City Physician Chapin, and only one is willing to stand by the petition, the other five saying they signed it merely as a matter of courtesy." I rejoice that there was one wise, to live foolish, a poor showing though it be. One alone had the courage of his convictions; the other five have confessed they had not. If the five who signed under conditions named, call it courtesy, I fancy Candidate Dr Chapin would much rather the courtesy had been withheld. I was not one of the six physicians the mayor-elect talked with, so I can do just a little talking on my own account. I signed Dr Chapin's petition, although his bearing toward me has always seemed to have been anything but courteous and cordial, but I charged his up to his account of personal peculiarities, of which we all have our share. Then why did I sign the petition? Because, from Dr Chapin's long experience and faithful attention to the duties devolving upon him as city physician, I felt assured beyond question that he was the best qualified for the place, and ought to have it, not for his own sake, but the city's good.

G. S. STEBBINS.

Springfield, December 26, 1899.

I think he will find a good interest in this setting aside the petition, — will be disappointed, for I have no doubt he has received some — "personal peculiarities" even in the brief time that I've been here. He's being queen. I suppose he is the best city physician we have, and I hope he may keep that position, for he can't keep his place as family physician in many homes, — people won't stand such manners as he has.

might still be made for botanists who could spend a week on the island late in the autumn; and I think the list of species is by no means complete — any one who could go in June might find some that are not in Judge Churchill's who I suppose collected as many as anybody — more than anybody else of that order.

I am always glad to hear from you but I think I care if you delay your return to this till you have had another meeting of the Club and can tell me if it can get any help there.

I was glad to hear in your last letter that you and Mrs. Deane were both well. Pray kind regards to both

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

He is a good botanist, a quick and close observer, and would, I think, enjoy advanced work and original research if he had time for it. I like him very well as far as I have anything to do with him — and see him three times a year — but disapprove thoroughly of many of his ways that I hear of.

I am going to take time now to make out a list of the plants found in Nantucket since the last Catalogue came out. I think there are about fifty — full half of them introduced, but some twenty or more natives — nice finds. I shall need help and I plan to send the list to Mr. Deane for his revision and for additions, — you know he goes to Nantucket almost every summer. I will write to Mr. Collins and ask him for additions to the algae. Mrs. Robinson may have a few names

of flowering plants to I shall wish to see. You can help me at the Club by mentioning my proposed work and asking for contributions. I think Dr. Fernald may give me some species, I have heard that he has two beautiful forms of Panicum from Nantucket. Others may have in their herbaria such unexpected treasures as Mr. Williams's Lycopus rescilipinnis and Mr. Cummings's Lupinus perennis. I should want to add new stations of a few plants — the rarest. Do you think Dr. Robinson would give to have the list for publication in "Rhodora"? Mr. Lord judged that he would from the Dr.'s remarks to him. If so, you could help me by conferring with him and letting me know his ideas & wishes as to the final form. Now what do you think of that scheme? Suggestions and advice gratefully received. One thing more about the time of publishing. You know Mr. Dame will not be able to do much before the summer vacation, and Mrs. Robinson is a very busy woman; her husband is a teacher and I think she helps him in some way; I don't know but that it is a boarding school that he has — that would give her work enough in addition to the care of her own young children. Considering these things, I know I could not get replies from all before July or August, and so this is in the midst of the collective season. I had better set the time for closing the list rather later — wait as long as there will come of anything new coming in. Mr. Dame is I feel anticipated that very nice discoveries

pains to get it back. I am not <u>sure</u> about it.

I saw in the Republican last week that the white-winged crossbill — a number of them in fact, had been seen in Forest Park, — the first time for several years, — and this morning's paper has this little item.

> The graceful sparrow-hawk has been added to the list of birds that have been seen about the library grounds during the past week.

You are looking out for the spring visitants, of course. May you be rewarded by the sight of many!

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Feb. 20. 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am much obliged, very much, for the light upon that poem which you reflect upon me from Dr. Rolfe. Now that I know, I wonder that I did not think myself that "The" phrase was a different thing from "A" phrase, for I am rather a close observer of language, — so is the lady who gave me the poem. I made no copy of it before sending it to you, and I should like to have it returned, — though, perhaps, you have given it away to Dr. Rolfe or somebody else. If so, don't take any

and studies that would be of value.

And Eleocharis diandra we may find here; I am going to put Dr. Chapin up to seeking it. We both know where Hemicarpha subsquarrosa grows, and it is exactly the place for that Eleocharis to appear in.

Judge Churchill's article on his Drosera was interesting. "Rhodora" always has something nice in it.

Yours with kind regards

Marie L. Owen.

Springfield, Mar. 14. 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

Thank you for the Hypochoeris notes; I will keep them safe, and if you ever want them back for the Club, will copy & return them. What a good find for Mr. Manning! I know the very spot and if I go to Nantucket this coming summer as I hope to do, I shall look up the plant without fail.

I have no specimens of any of the Cotty revised genera — I never collected anything but those things rare in New England, — I put them into our Society herbarium. I shall try a little later to induce some of the Nantucket ladies to go out and look for Antennarias. If Mr. Dame spends his vacation there, he will be, as he was before, an invaluable helper. He has for some years been studying the Willow herb (Epilobium), and has found well marked varieties if not new species.

I hope some of your club members will spend some of their summer holidays in Nantucket. What better collecting ground near at hand could they possibly find? And the island is generous — she has still new gifts for all who will seek them.

I hope you have received Dr. Rolfe's letter from my daughter by this time. I wrote to her about it. She is very careful & reticent about such things, but she had an attack of the grip which lasted for a week, and took her life & strength right out of her. She said she did nothing beyond what she was absolutely forced to do. But she is well now, and I guess you will see the letter again. You asked if we could not get the number of the Courant in which it (the poem) appeared, and perhaps the author's name "Upon that hint I spake". I wrote to the editor — and in was, I assure you, a polite complimentary, winning letter. I told him I would not ask any favor for myself — that is, I would not encroach on his time for myself, only a little Shakespeare scholar, but that it would oblige Dr. Rolfe, a great Shakespeare scholar, if he would let me know when the poem appeared. Then I repeated Dr. Rolfe's praise of it. That must have been a fortnight ago — my diary says Mar. 2 — and no reply! I call it ungentlemanly not to break when you are spoken to civilly. I put a stamped envelope directed to myself into the letter — did my part thoroughly — and he might have said as much as "I don't know".

I found suggestive things in the March "Rhodora". Who knows but that Bartonia iodandra may be found in our peat moss! (not in peat moss, however.) And Solidago asperula, too. Oh that I were a score of years younger! Or if I could go back to my old home for one whole year, and so "take things easy" I could, even now, make some observations

Sb'd Mar. 22. 1900

Dear Mr. Dean,

Is Dr. Swan living? I wrote him a letter asking for his help towards the supplement, particularly in the grassy, and then, thinking that he might have moved from his old home in Worcester St. looked in the Directory for his address, — and his name was not there at all. What can you tell me of him?

M. L. Q.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

The Courant

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Hartford, Conn., April 25, 1900.

Mrs. Maria L. Owen,

383 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

Dear Madam:-

I find your letter on my desk which apparently ought to have been answered before and which must have been overlooked by mistake. I am utterly unable to trace the poem which you ask about. We do not keep an index of the paper.

Yours very truly,

C H Clark

Editor The Courant.

This will show that I did what I could to learn the name of the author of "The Shakespearean Phrase". My letter that got overlooked was written March 2. M. L. O.

to look for Ranunculus acris var. stevenii. It may be as common here as in Northampton when Mrs. Perry finds it. She told me about a month ago that she was studying the different forms of the Buttercup.

Mr. Batchelder & his wife have gone to Europe for the summer. They will see more flowers & birds than I ever did abroad, for I always kept to the British Isles, and they will begin in Italy go to Switzerland then to Paris, and so will see a flora & fauna quite different from ours. They will have a good time, but there is plenty of it on this side of the ocean and I wish you and your wife a good share of it. Yours very truly

William L. Dawson

Amherst June 4. 1900

Dear Mr. Dawson,

I suppose you will be starting for the country soon, so although I don't owe you a letter I will write a few more [illegible] lines, and send you an article on Arbutus that I wrote a little ago. I don't know whether you ever saw the articles that I wrote years ago on this matter. Then I brought out more proof, and because I brought it out then I couldn't produce it now. Two items that I gloried in were these, one that Dr. Gray in his Manual put an accent on the first syllable of the word used as the common name of the

Epigaea long before the time at which I was writing, and that he had done it of set purpose, as there it was the only place in the whole book where he had indicated the accent of a popular name. Somebody ~~one~~ told me afterward of one more, but I did not know it at the time. The other was that Dr. Goodale had done the same on the label of the glass Epigaea in the Blaschka Collection. Both of these gentlemen knew the right way of pronouncing the word and both knew the prevalence of the woful error. But the right way is gaining; in the May number of the Atlantic there is a long poem — "In Time of Indecision" is the name I think, — which contains this word with the right accent, and yet about a dozen years ago, my friend Mrs. Emily Shaw Forman, offered that magazine a sonnet which the editor praised except for the word arbutus which he told her was not thus accented. She offered to alter the line and substitute May-flower for the offending word, assuring him at the same time that she was not wrong in her accent.

I will wrap with the Inquirer something else that I wrote a few weeks ago; I send it with my compliments to Mrs. Deane, for the subject is one that is more likely to interest a lady than a gentleman.

I hope Miss Day went to Nantucket last week as she was planning to do; at this season she will have a pretty good chance to find new things, and I am hoping she will have as good success as she did on Mt. Equinox in 1898. What a lies she brought from there!

Here in Springfield we are going

I wished to collect the varieties in detail, but you discovered at the outset the R. Cordifolia that alone is found in our country in pastures & wet. You'll have to go some rest of climbing vines, but this was not the right kind. The land within was overrun with a mass of vegetation up to a man's knees in some places, and besides, there are two Chase places and it might have been the other. I told Mrs. Robinson about it however, and she promised to do what she could, though with her young children & care after the dress it is not satisfactory as she wished to. When I am on the island I am amongst old friends who pay me all sorts of kind attentions. In the fourteen days that I was there I was taken out to drive six or seven times, I was invited to picnics & lunches, and received and returned many calls. I stayed with Mrs. Sturtevant whom you will remember; her house is always my home when I am on the island, and she took me out to her Second house where we spent three days & nights. Not much time left for poking round the pond. I wonder if you have Almanac Pond distinctly in your mind. That was all dried up so that you could walk over the bottom anywhere — not pleasant walking however, it was so crooked.

How fortunate you were to have a fresh

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Linnaea [illegible] Linnaea Borealis, and the [illegible] it [illegible] but I hope that [illegible] may be found [illegible] dense [illegible]. There is a strong [illegible] desire [illegible] attention [illegible] & [illegible] and [illegible] the flowers. The [illegible] to bring it [illegible] neighborhood — we [illegible] adding to the [illegible] What a botanic garden this may prove [illegible]! Certainly it is a good beginning [illegible]. These perplexing [illegible] named by competent authority. I had them named at the Gernald last Tuesday in the short call that I made at the Herbarium, and now I send you what I suppose is S. Canadensis, the type, or near enough to it not to be either of the named varieties. I will enclose one of the lower [illegible]. Will you tell me if "Procera" which is the way it stands in the Manual ed. 6 is accented right. The question lies between the Manual & my

[illegible] [illegible] — the letter says "[illegible]". [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] taken up from [illegible] the ground, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

When I was in Nantucket I [illegible] a [illegible] of your description, but [illegible] I [illegible] it [illegible], [illegible], & Mrs. R— [illegible] [illegible] these but [illegible] plant appear. [illegible] [illegible] growing in [illegible] pasture, and also in cultivated ground [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] in size that I wondered at first if it could be another species — but it was not. I suppose you have it already, but if not I can give you good specimens. I found Tillaea again in Nantucket at the same place, but this time it was growing in the water all intermixed with Elatine & Limosella — a perfect tangle. I pressed a little, but sent the most of it in bulk to Mr. Floyd & Mr. Williams who were very pleased with it. I was surprised to find at the Herbarium that the plant so far was known in New England only in Nantucket & New Haven, but I still think that it is less rare than it seems, — people will find it when they [illegible] that it [illegible] like [illegible]. In the [illegible] water of the edge of the [illegible] its [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] make no show among the other [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] that collect in such places. Then when it grows in the mud as I found it in [illegible] but not this year it makes a dense, bright green sod, looking so exactly like [illegible] umbilicum, var. [illegible], [illegible] that I fear, alas! that I have passed it many a time in my native isle without a second look. I wonder if Mrs. Robinson gives me any credit for her discovery. Her letter which accompanies the specimens would show; it lies there on the mounting sheet, and I never thought to read and see what she said. Not much jealousy in my disposition — I have not a bit — if there were, I should certainly have pounced on that communication, but after I got home Curiosity woke up in me. Mrs. R. in telling me of her delightful find, says that she should not have made it out if I had not put her on the track. When you are at the Herbarium some time won't you look & see what she wrote. If she does not mention my name I shall care very little, but I have always given her the great credit, hardly mentioning my own part in the matter

Dear Sir – I have [illegible] the [illegible] & [illegible] Fellows. – I have [illegible] that [illegible] Institution [illegible] Exclusively.

This [illegible] must be the [illegible] [illegible] collections [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] determined. The [illegible] [illegible] with them, but I [illegible] me with – nothing not that we might have found [illegible] along the coast – not a single one I ever visited – finding there. Adventurous Diplodiscus was the most uncommon of all, and we didn't think much of that. I see that the best time for a botanist is when they generally go – in July & August. Amongst the common plants there was one not reported before – Erigeron bellidiflorus – Robin's Fleabane. This has come in with the summer visitors doubtless; if it were a true native of the island it would not have waited till this time to show itself.

Mr. & Mrs. Batchelder had a thoroughly delightful time, – came home well & happy perhaps six weeks ago.

I wish I knew whether Berkeley's Cryptogamic Botany is still a reliable guide for a beginner in this branch of the science.

of [illegible] course, Mr. Ferguson
lives in Edinburgh [illegible] time [illegible]?
Your [illegible] seems [illegible] that [illegible]?
But I trust that you can supply my
wants and answer my questions with
little trouble if you will think of them
at the right time. Mr. John Lewis Russell
gave me my copy, published in 1857, — sent
it to me by will together with his "best
microscope" and all of his horn that I chose
to take, and he had told me before of this
book that it was "a treasury of modern
science and just what a tyro wants on
the subject", but it may be superseded
by this time —

I hope you and Mrs. Stone had a
pleasant summer and returned from
the country well rested and refreshed —

With regards to both

Yours very truly

Maria L. Ogden

P.S. Of course I can hunt up [illegible] & [illegible] in
the Manual and put on names good enough for all
ordinary purposes — nineteenth of them [illegible] terms
but that is [illegible] enough for a botanic garden; that
must [illegible] the [illegible] is beyond appeal, so I mean to have them
[illegible] for. M. L. O.

& the old time rules.

I wonder that you have sit a plenty of R. acris flavens when it is so common in many places. I wish I had pressed some when I was in Indiana. I will send some Bartsia of different sizes and with the best fruit that I could find, but I noticed that the pod did not seem well filled out in any specimens. The difference between the plant in ploughed land and in the pastures was so great that I wondered at first if there were not two species, but I could detect no variation in the character — the difference was only in size. Those great bushes growing amongst the beans & squashes & potatoes, and the little things in the pasture blooming on plants less from two inches high, formed a curious contrast.

Olivia A. Eaton is a close observer, but I never knew that she had found Lillaea — a proof of my

Springfield Oct. 16. 1900

Dear Miss Jane,

I must set you right about our Science Museum; you never saw it for it has been built since 1895 and [illegible] for visitors [illegible] less than about two years. The Art Museum which you visited was completed in the spring of '95 and Mr. Smith put into it enough of his work to make a splendid exhibit for our guests, but now every room is filled, almost crowded, and we need the addition that was planned for at the beginning; it will be built on (and will be the main building really) as soon as there is money enough. The large hall on the first floor was used for a Natural History Museum X but that collection outgrew its quarters, so generous friends gave the money for a new building, and the hall in the Art Museum was then altered to adapt it to its new use as a hall of sculpture.

X What I guess there was nothing in it when you were here.

That is very troublesome, for it is arranged in the modern way and our Cards would look and sell far more nicely, as Turned Top-Leaves have been so exhibited & that Circulating is so convenient &c. I will send you the last reserve of the City Lib. Ass. You will not read it through but if you will look at the Slates and the Passages I have marked you will understand just how things are.

Mr. Tabbing depends on me for the names of his asters and goldenrod, and I am determined that they shall be authoritative (they must be, to be of any use) so where I am not positive, I hope I may send more specimens for your decision, but that will be another year. I am much obliged for the names you have already given me.

I am very critical in all the matter of language, spoken or written, (but not unkindly so, I am sure,) and I find the Key-Phrases in the Manual that I mentioned most little use to me because the man there — E.g. "Pícris" in ed. 6, "ácris" is the marked right, for there is a rule in the Latin Grammar that I studied when a pretty small child to the effect that a mute & a liquid following an accented vowel must be divided, except when the accent is on the penult in which case the two consonants go together — then if à-cris why not pic-cris? And again taking "procera" had a short e in the penult it would throw the accent in speaking back upon the ante-penult, and the o would take the e to itself and it would be pro-cróce-ra. But they may have changed the rules in these latter days, although I never suspected it, because the great — the overwhelming majority of the words in the Manual conform

pot turned back as they did in this redoubled arrangement. The next day, then revealed a mimic Chinaman three inches long and as thick as my thumb. It might have deceived the very elect till they had dissected it, if the curious thing had been brought to them with no information as to where it was found. I can send you a good account of it in print soon. It is about as rare in this country as Porpoise, Sundula in New England.

With regards to you & Mrs. Deane

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

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supposition that it is more common (or let me say less rare) than generally supposed.

"About" Berkeley's Cryptogamic "Botany" I only wanted to know if it was still a good enough value for me to give it (i.e. my copy) to the Catharine L. Howard Scientific Library. I am not studying cryptogamia very earnestly; my chief interest in them just now is in the calabee mushrooms, and if I don't know them all myself — all found in this neighborhood — I guess our botanical society does with the united knowledge of its members. We have all the books of reference we need, both English & American including Capt. McIlvaine's late work.

At the foot of the preceding page

I began on something that it would have taken too much time to carve out so I stopped short, and cut it short.

I met Mr. Webster as a fellow-traveller last August and can well believe that he is as you say, a charming man; I found him very agreeable in the short conversation I had with him.

I am hoping to see Mr. Hatchelder here in Springfield soon. How fortunate he is in finding rarities — I am thinking of a Pogonia pendula now: I found Epipnum Cheiranthoides in 1861 in a friend's garden — how it came there nobody knew. Aspidium Boottii grows not far from us, but I don't remember the locality. Dr. Chapin & Mr. Stebbins know.

We find some conversation on the topic that called you home: Miss Jeane's father is better I trust. An herbarium of 35000 specs is something to delight in.

I have read many a magazine article on oriental land by Elizabeth Rachael Scidmore and always found them interesting. I have no doubt I shall enjoy "China the long-lived Empire" when I get it.

An Akebia vine not far from this house has borne quite this year, and the owner of the vine never perceived it till about ten days ago when it had reached its full size, but he destroyed himself then and called in his neighbors, and by their advice summoned the entomologist next — and no wonder, for when the vines of the

Notes on the printed report.

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p. 11 - [illegible] on the [illegible] collection
[illegible] within that might be
said - [illegible] while [illegible]
was younger; he began to [illegible]
before he was thirteen, - some
fifty years ago - and has never
stopped, but continue all
the time in practice & the
study of the best art here &
abroad, on the two great years
in Europe. This collection is the
cream of the cream of his acquisitions, for whenever he
has obtained a better thing in
time time than he already had
he has parted with the old one,
and put the new in its place -
pp. 12, 13, 21, 22, are marked
not need no comment.

p. 44 - Again I say - no
scattering expenditure.

pp. 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 60 - need
no comment

The plan of the grounds &
buildings opp. p. 19 will

The place of [illegible] + water is
[illegible] Plain.
The two lawns at the north
and south of the art mu-
seum are [illegible] in extent.
The building stands
from the boundaries. For
the wild plants there is no
space between the walk
west of the museum and the
boundary fence - I will mark
it a b. It is about 40 ft.
wide from a to the corner, and
from there to b about 20 ft.
The heating plant is throughout
neat and as inconspicuous as
possible, but besides that
it is screened by tall orna-
mental annual plants + shrubs, with
an outer ~~screen~~ hedge of that handsome
~~shiny leaf~~ glossy leaved willow,
and the whole ground are
kept in exquisite order.

the Com. McIlvaine's appeared, and all the American works, Capt. Palmer's &c. &c. Mr. Gibson's too, which is helpful as far as it goes, but that is not very far. We have an excellent City library and these books have been at our service for years, so Mr. Webster need not try to recall their names, and he need in go back more than six months. We made great progress this last season, and our two days were really beautiful. No hurry about consulting Mr. Webster.

With best wishes for the coming year for yourself & Mrs. Dean.

Very sincere friend,

Maria L. Colby.

Springfield, Dec. 24, [illegible].

Dear Mr. Dean,

Just as I was sitting down to write to you the letter carrier made me your Christmas greeting — your and Mrs. Dean's, so I can begin with the thanks and reciprocal good wishes to both.

I have owed you a letter for two months, and it is time I let you know that I am well — since though I have no much of importance to tell. Some weeks ago I saw in a Vermont paper that Mrs. Wm. C. Horton had found a fern in Brattleboro' new to the local botanists, so it was sent to Dr. Canning, and it proved new to Dr. Robinson & Mr. Davenport, though it was plainly an asplenium. Have

you see or heard of it? I wonder that it has not been reported in "Torreya" — on the December number Prof. Bailey (N.Y.) talks of Ficus carica, L. growing in New England in Providence and Woonsocket, I wonder if he never read the Preface of the Nantucket Catalogue. I suppose the figs have been growing in Nantucket for twenty-five years or more. I have not had the indispensable help for my supplement, so I have done nothing about it. I don't care, for I have plenty of other work, and I may be able to work in two or three plants in Nantucket next summer that I know about & wanted to see last August, but the collection least interested. Judge Churchill, Mr. Collins & Dr. Leon would give me their list at a few days' notice — "on demand" I might say, but Mr. Leon who could will not have our "nation's" flora anywhere else has not written to me for a year or more — he is writing enough but he never gets time. Now I can tell about the name of Mrs. Robinson; she was guilty of a number of new names the year, and if she could get them published in the Botanical Department of Columbia they would be valuable. ~~He~~ She can always get help there, but she seldom finds time to go to see it.

Prof. Setchell of the University of California reports Solets luckermani, Braun. I [illegible] like as a new name, but is it a novelty? If so I will try to collect some for my friend, for he told me just where it grew. He offered to find out for me the best books on any particular subject so I will get you to ask Mr. Hollis Webster if he can recommend any late American book for mushroom students. We have Mr. Elwine's which came out this last fall, and everything that we wanted years ago. The English works both London & Scientific Press have been our sole guides

Springfield, Jan. 13. '01

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have just finished the article which I enclose and had taken this pest to write about it to Dr. Robinson and then it occurred to me, when a new idea made me pause, that it would be that the article might not be wanted — there's nothing — but I thought of those few collectors that I have read of in the papers, who collect every fern they can laid on which will shine money in a foreign market, and send them abroad regardless of the leaves they may see. I have read that they have nearly exterminated Lycopodium clavatum in the eastern part of the state, and that all other ferns suitable for this purpose are left sore. [illegible]

would induce me to make them
my new collection, I must, I feel
I should, so I changed my mind
and am writing to you instead of to
Dr. Dean. Think it over, and for the
article I am in no hurry whatever of
your manuscript. If it is not printed
I would like the "Mr. Van Dyke
time," for I have no copy of it and
I never done think it has been
and a chance to write it, for he
would be interested in this account of
it. But you need it return it — who
did it? Will. Long time —
I suppose you always meet him
at the club meetings — and he may
want it and read it and ~~[illegible]~~
you and it back. But I will write to him
about it myself.

Then I am in Pleasantville, Indian I still so that I can get in good health & I feel encouraged. I was I had been quite well during the hot weather so far.

Mr. Fielder wrote to me most kindly about work in Nassau, and Mr. Dana, our librarian, is going to get all that he recommended.

Miss Day left me, a week ago, a partial list of the plants she collected in Florida last spring (or in the early summer); the rest had not been determined. But I gathered from that I inferred that there had been determined and could be depended on. I was surprised at the character of her collections – so many common plants and so few of those that are rare on the main land; in fact, I hoped for that there was not one in her list that I should have had

were at that time taken, to some of a definite standing. I think you will all be [illegible] that I saw this. I was pleased with the additions to the Catalogue which I found in the list. Several Carices, a sedge or two and a grass; besides these *Helianthemum majus* and *Trifolium striatum*, Linn. which I cannot look up in "Britton & Brown" as they are not in Gray, ed. 5. and *Galium Aparine*, L. & *Taraxacum officinale*, [illegible] which have hitherto been overlooked, I mean in our Catalogue. Every little helps, and I am pleased to get any new name for I like well the record to come early.

Don't think I'm worrying about my paper. No hurry.

Yours with kind regards
[illegible]

Springfield, Ill. Dear Mr. Lane, as I write the
article for publication, I am glad that you
and Dr. Rowan think that it will not be a disgrace
if our Good Counsels & the cause of Christ gain ground in
Florida. Mr. Flint writes that he was an inmate in the
Home at Mt. Vernon in the Fall Bulletin, vol. IV No. 1 by A. J. Fields
& Plentiful. I never saw it, and cannot obtain the
number or the publishers of the Bulletin. Can you do
this & that number. It is not the, I believe that the
[illegible] Dr. Rowan [illegible] in regard to Home
[illegible] in the Home [illegible]
Sympathy about your sorrow; I devoutly wish you that
you may never have it again. Will you do a favor [illegible] with
Dr. Rowan's application in giving us news. Will you [illegible] Brethren,
M. D.

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Mr. Walter Crane

24 Fountain St.

Manchester

Eng.

Springfield Jan. 24, 1901

Dear Mr. Clemens,

I have received both cards. I had sent you your copy right; in fact I must make a slight remark. The title page of this is stamped on, starting from Philadelphia. It went to Dublin, and then was forwarded to me in Ottawa; that accounts for the postmarks. As a matter of course the title page the one is in the corner, if not to distinguishable, — however, it is "Huckleberry Finn", and can be easily [illegible]. That is absurd, and I suppose it is. I'm ashamed for myself & Twain. I received some time ago a letter from with them I had corresponded for nineteen years. You will see the letters "Left Hartford, no address." Poor fellow, he had gone to "That undiscovered country, from whose bourne No traveller returns," Dped on

The Queen is in Dublin today. The Irish Guards marched past in her carriage, with her & Prince Henry, the Duke & Duchess of Fife — the Duke the Prince married, added to that of Tom Moore. Robins has been in Dublin for more than a week, but I have been for two days only, and have hitherto had no work. We have some Canadian in the neighbourhood, but I am worried, — Common Pleas — but I am never idle & working time; I can't leave off at one time in my proper manner, but this was exceptional, from being the Queen's birth & their birthday anniversaries.

I hope you & Mrs. Clemens are well as we are in the road, and with kind regards to both I am

Yours sincerely

Edward Carson

[illegible]

[illegible] "Mr. [illegible] in [illegible], in the [illegible] "The merits are [illegible] merit is marked, [illegible] time, [illegible] and for that reason it is the [illegible] on your young [illegible] letters [illegible] may air it [illegible] [illegible] time & return it to me. That, if [illegible] it could be made available by taking a tracing of the same [illegible] pasting it inside the stamps, and then with [illegible] into carrying out the [illegible] and finishing the letters.

After this I will recall the more uncommon letters that came to me, that [illegible] of my [illegible] came from [illegible] to Boston or Albany [illegible] those [illegible] can be [illegible] [illegible] to those who came for them.

I am glad to be able to offer the Brotherhood [illegible] in [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Friends every Thursday [illegible] scores of ~~them~~ — I going home from the morning session, and they returning from 5th-day meeting.

16 The stamps bore for the date only

Springfield, Nov. 3-1901

Dear Mr. Deane,

Victor Ebbing is a well wisher of yours, — habituated to the little courtesies of life from childhood, so that they will never come hard to him in later years. I think you will like to have his nice little note.

Mr Andrews of Southington Ct. has written to our botanical friends about a Scirpus (S. pedicellatus) which he says grows near the western end of our old toll-bridge over the Connecticut. He wants us to look for it in July, — says that he never saw it anywhere else, and that he has collected it there, but too late in the season. I don't find such a Scirpus in Gray's Manual or in S. & B. — S. Brown — Is it a synonym for something renamed by the Botanical Club? — How did it get into S. & B.

Carex pedicellata = Carex varia, I know not of Muhl. and the same as C. Emmonsii, var. Vivipara, I think. (I see I have the right, but I have not the book at hand; it is near enough for you to know what I mean, however.) Could he in a momentary absence of mind have written Carex? I have quoted it on the other side just as it appeared in the letter – first the genus at full length, then specific in the usual way – genus indicated by initial only. On our hbm. we have Carex varia Muhl., but no Scirpus pedicellatus – of course not. The want to get familiar with the works of the plant. Before we go out to search for it. Some time before us, but it is well to begin in good season –

Yours sincerely

Marie L. Owen –

Springfield, Mass., 2-[illegible]01

Dear Mr. Stone,

Since we met a few days, I read it in about two minutes in Boston, Jan. 1900. I wonder if Miss Mabel [illegible] the author, as I never read it out loud to a [illegible] student or their teacher, but I find it most acceptable. Thank you for sending me on "The Trail."

Yours C.

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Mr. Walter Deane
28 Pemberton Sq.
Cambridge
Mass.

Tradescantia in flower & hairy filaments; in habit – blooming early in the morning and wilting & curling in before long, but more like a Commelyna in leaves. Also one of the petals seems smaller – slightly so – than the other two which is like a Commelyna. Pod 3-celled, 3 seeds in each cell – It was found in a neglected yard amongst weeds & goldenrod of its own height, from three to four feet. Stalk swollen at the joints. Inference unlike T. or C., for it is like that of the Borage family – the racemes coiled and straightening as the flowers bloom. The plant is not to be found in Chapman's or Coulter's Flora (I dare find the California Manual in our library) and it is not in any list of ballast plants that I have. It is an insignificant thing – worthless as far as I can see – but one does not like to be baffled in her search.

I went out very little during the excessive heat of the past summer and I found nothing of much importance

383 Union St.
Springfield Sept. 29. 1901.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have a number of things for you that have collected in the course of the summer which I mean to send along when I think you are settled again in your Cambridge home.

1. Some monograms & similar devices for your young collecting friend and 2. Some post marks for that other collector. I would send to him directly if I knew his address and if he still wishes for these things. I should think this taste might be a short-lived one, and might disport-

and be succeeded by something that would strike deeper. I can furnish a few specimens occasionally but I feel quite ignorant about what is wanted. If you would put my three queries into the package when you send it along and tell the young lad to reply to me directly if he thinks it worth while, you need not have any further care — "Push that button, and I will do the rest."

But would this plan be agreeable to the boy? If you think it would, keep back my questions, and I will send through you in the future as in the past.

3. Some pressed Bot. matricariifolium of different forms & sizes, I think I suppose you want them for your own herbarium, but you can give them away. In Rhodora of last June R. M. Harper tells of this fern found in Southbridge in this state and adds that this seems to be the southernmost station for it as it has not been reported from R. Island or Connecticut. Then Dr. Chapin went to a spot well known to him where this Botrychium is abundant and brought me these specimens and nearly a dozen more which I sent to Mr. Floyd; I gave him the very largest and some of smaller size. I think our station is likely to be as far south as that Southbridge place, and if not, couldn't be more than a mile farther north; Dr. Chapin remarked very shrewdly that a fern growing in such luxuriance and abundance was not likely to have reached its limit.

4. I send a plant for a name. Like a

was brought into our botanical society, yet as Nature is inexhaustible and delightful there was always something that we were pleased to see and know about. What did you find that you never saw before? And did you go to Appen as usual?

I went to Vermont for a week in August, and now am going to Nantucket.

Rhodora always has something interesting in it, and it is usually accurately printed, but a sad error appeared in Mr. Davenport's article in the September number — "not mechanically identical as if made by dyes"; it is evidently his own mistake, but passed over by the proof reader of the magazine. Dyes may make things superficially identical, but

it takes dies to make them mechanically so.

Now I must mention two things that ought to have gone in before.

5. A little bit of an Artemisia that I suppose is A. vulgaris. Dr. Chapin found it on a dumping ground in the City — the first time it has ever been reported here, though as long ago as the publication of ed. 5 the plant was said to be travelling east rapidly. Rather a handsome weed — this specimen over three feet high.

6. The other specimen is a piece of a raspberry bush with the leaves curiously cut — this was sent from Franklin, Vermont. These things are of slight value, but I don't want to throw them away without showing them to somebody.

7. My photograph that you asked me for two or three years ago, but I had none. Perhaps I told you that I had some taken about thirty years ago, which although finished and paid for I never left the fire and stayed by till I was sure they were all consumed - But last spring, or a year ago last spring, the retiring president of the Women's Club came and asked for my photograph; I told her the same story and I was very unwilling to sit again, but I couldn't say that the request was unreasonable; I was the first president and elected for six successive years and I could put myself in the place of the Club members and see that I should like to keep in mind

and bars show the features of one who had been so closely associated with our early days. I was told too what dress to wear; the ladies approved of something that I had appeared in at a club dinner with which we closed the season and they wanted me to wear it without any change. I had a very trying time, — I certainly am not a good sitter, but the photographer was a good artist and would not give me up till he had made the most he could out of me. You wanted the picture for a collection you were forming of portraits of botanists, so here it is for that goodly company, though I feel unworthy of such a high honor.

I am finishing my letter many days after I began it — I laid it aside for other things because I thought you would not be at home before October, and even then would be too busy at first to give attention to my miscellaneous budget.

Hoping that you and Mr. Deane feel quite refreshed by your summer outing I am

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Winchester Dec. 23. '10.

Dear Mr. Blair, I send you some more photomicrographs which were taken in the Geology, although I used two years ago when I was here in November. I have it brought the microscope and then find the time [illegible] to study [illegible], so I can do with-out [illegible] how to use it. The [illegible] are too high, [illegible]

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Mr. Walter Crane
24 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield Mass. 1.1.90.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Victor Schino has written me a nice letter which I shall answer in time; you need not fear that I shall give myself too much trouble for him, but I can easily send him my flow collections two or three times a year. He is farther advanced in his studies than I had supposed, for he is reading the Arabesis.

It is a pleasing habit in plants to stray out of their natural limits, though it is only our ignorance and presumption that assigns limits and then calls them "natural." (Now how easy it would be to draw my pen through two "s's" above! but I shall not do it. I write "assigns"

and "calls" without thought or misgiving and therefore right. You do not know it, but I am critical to the last degree about the use of our magnificent mother tongue. Which uneducated newspaper writers drag in the dust every day - more critical of myself than of any other one. I shall not alter what is right.

"The turnult and the fronting dies"
What a trimmed the half-educated made over that! It is perfectly correct although its defenders, as far as I saw their arguments, overlooked the true reason for using "dies".) Now let us proceed -

That Pines Dawkesiana was a most interesting growth - I wish I could see it. I don't know whether our Plantago aviculata still survives

on Long Hill where it grew so many years; it is such an old stem now that nobody thinks of resort it.

I send you some labels as desired. I wrote to the lady who gave me the tubers for one, but she is an entomologist and instead of a label in due form gave me the particulars which I will enclose and from which you can make the label yourself.

You said you were going to write again soon; I will remind you that I want to know whether the Chenopodium (or two of them) was new to the Catalogue. Besides those in print, I have sent to

in list C. minor, L. and C. ambrosioides, L. both of which I collected myself Nov. 12 & Nov. 13. 1892. I think one of the two sent this time (if there were two) was ambrosioides, but I judge only from the scent for I made no examination.

Now you can reply to this in the letter you are going to write soon, and I hope you can gratify the curiosity of a number of people here by telling us the name of that Commelyna-like endogen.

Yours very truly

Mary L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. 23. 190,

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am glad to have the name of that plant, although it has not a good point that I know of except (to botanists) its novelty. The minute flowers may be pretty — indeed what flower is there without some beauty of its own? — but they open so early in the day and wilt so soon that I never saw a fresh one.

The December Rhodora has come today. I must look up Acalypha Virginica, var. gracilens next summer. I have known it since 1842 in our street & yard; at any rate this is the note that I made about it: "Springfield, Aug. 1872. Agrees in every respect except that the sterile spike is not as long as in the description." At that time I don't think botanists were so eager to note an extension of locality and a good many other things as they are now, so I never thought to report it, but I

remember how carefully I studied it, noticing that it was a southern variety. With a repetition of the good wishes that my little card will carry

Yours very truly,

Maria L. Owen.

P.S. I was glad to see that we could get Leon on autumnalis, var. bracteosus into the Nantucket list. Mr. Floyd wants to go to the island again — perhaps will get there next summer — and I am hoping much from his zeal as a collector!

M. L. O.

But this Jocasse station! The "Little Coltsfoot" is secure there for many a year — its quantity, its distance from railroad, and the difficulty of reaching it make its existence very sure. Oh, the brooklets and kings that died without the sight! Dr. Gray, dear Mr. Redfield, Ponger Dr. Gray is equally entitled to my adjective, Dr. Curtis, and so many more. It appears now that those sharp-eyed botanists who fought shortly for so many years, never suspected that Michaux's locality was an exceptional one, — that the plant's true home was in the damp or marshy lowlands. They did indeed find a few plants at last

Springfield
May 7-1902

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have permission from the writer of the enclosed letter — an encyclical, as you will see by the last page, — to send it to you. She came and stayed a day with me last week and told me much about her southern trip and then lent me the letter for me to read to our botanical society; I thought you would be interested in it, so I got the permission above-mentioned. When you have done with it please return it to

Miss H. E. Freeman
37 Union Park
Boston.

Mr. Deane
Mr. Robinson
Mr. Fernald
Mr. Rhodora
Mr. Bicknell
Mr. Williams
Mr. Fernald
Mr. Robinson
Mr. Deane

Mr. Fernald
Mr. Robinson
Mr. Deane

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Mr. Deane

You will write and tell me, it will relieve my mind of all responsibility, M.E.F.

This lady is an excellent botanist, and of course easily makes acquaintance with all of our gentle science wherever she finds them. She went to Biltmore, and there met Mr. Beadle, if I caught the name right. Mr. Vanderbilt has bought Dr. Chapman's herbarium and this gentleman went to Florida to transact the business with the distinguished botanist; he said he never spent three more delightful days in his life, for the Dr. in spite of his eighty-five years was most entertaining and instructive. I thought she said 85, but I have just looked up the notice of him in my Encyclopaedia, and it says he was born Sept. 1809. He is nearly 93 now, if living, but Mr. Beadle may have gone years ago. Then he told her that they were working at the south on the Williams, - that they find a surprising number of new species, varieties and forms; he compared the discoveries to those of new forms of Crataegus on the North. You live in the very centre of botanical news, and perhaps know all of this already, but "ο γεγραφα, γεγραφα, which is "ladies' Greek, without accents," as they say Mrs. Browning's was.

the 19th. I am going to visit my son & daughter, and my little four months old grand-daughter, in New York; when I come back I am going to get ready to close my house July 1. When the four inmates will scatter. I am going to Christmas Cove for eight weeks, with my sister, Mrs. Gallagher, a friend who has a room here will turn to Philadelphia, my excellent girl to her Prince Edward Island home, and Miss Coffin to Nantucket, where Mrs. Gallard and I mean to finish our summer outing in a two weeks stay. I hope you & Mrs. Deane are well and have equally pleasant plans. With kind regards to both

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

"in montibus", and I am glad it was in Dr. Gray's lifetime, and that he could go and see them, — flowerless as they were, in June. The time of year when one must go to see the "blooms" is another safeguard for the pretty thing. I know you will ask if Miss Freeman did not collect specimens of which she could spare you one; I don't believe she did, but I refer you to her for that, and anything else you want to know. She has heard me speak of you so often that you are no stranger to her.

But how did she hear of this Jocasse station? How long has

it been known? I wish I had asked her, but the much other talk which we had crowded it out of my mind.

She had not been gone three days when a patch of yellow trilliums was found over in the West Springfield woods. T. erectum var. album of course, but the Manual says "rarely yellowish". These were a good bright color, not a true yellow, but a pretty bright buff. The purple ones were growing with them, all mixed up; my informant who took up a root or two for his wild garden said that in one case he thought the two colors were growing from one root, but a careful untangling of the fibres showed that it was not so. And I have no pressed specimen of that and could not get one, nor a fresh one either, but I saw the flowers, and they were beauties.

A friend now in Nashville, Tennessee, sent me some early flowers a month or more ago. You shall have the bright cheerful Lesquerella; it is very common there — grows all over her yard with the purple henbit, Lamium.

We shall not be at home much this summer. Monday

Springfield June 3-1902-

Dear Mr. Deane,

Will you be kind enough to complete the address of the enclosed and then mail it? I have left the letter unsealed for you to read first if you choose. Perhaps you have not heard of the great affliction that has come upon me; my cousin Mr. Mathews can tell you when you see him again. Your sincere and sorrowing friend Maria L. Owen-

Christmas Cove, Me.
July 10. 1902

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send my thanks for the sympathy expressed in your letter. It is a severe blow that I have received, and life can never again be what it was before such brightness was taken from it, yet I have much to be thankful for. First, that I had my dear son for thirty eight years, and from his very babyhood, he was the light of our home, as he was of every house that he made his home. And farther, that he had lived an unspotted life, and made himself an

honorable name in his profession. I was with him in his last days which is of inexpressible comfort to me, and the dear little babe who already knows the sunny, sweet disposition of her father, seems to continue his existence, — he is not quite gone. I look forward to meeting him again, but for all that the grave has its sting now, and death its sting.

I am in this quiet place with my sister-in-law, Mrs. Tallant, for the summer, and when I go home I shall take up my usual work, interesting in time as ever. I can be resigned, I even see, though dimly now, that God knew best, but I cannot yet triumph over my grief.

I have often thought that if there is an enviable possession in this world, it is a large and happy family of brothers and sisters; I hope your circle may long be unbroken.

With my regards and thanks to Mrs. Deane as well as to yourself, Your grateful and sorrowing friend

Maria L. Owen.

herbarium & suppose they can turn to their aroids, and greedily answer my question about the synonyms.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Deane,

Yours very truly,

Maria L. Owen.

P.S. I think one of the specimens is plainly of Virginica.

M. L. O.

Springfield, Mass. 10.6.02.

Dear Mr. Deane,

At the date of your last letter, Sept. 7, you had nearly finished the work on the book that was going through the press, and expected to go away for a well-earned vacation. I hope you had a pleasant time. I was away from home ten weeks, — spent eight in Maine, and saw growing and in flower and fruit the Yellow Rattle, Rhinanthus Crista-galli, a pretty little thing; nothing else new. Then I went to Nantucket, where I met Mr. Dame and Mr. Floyd, and had good talks with both, but you have probably seen them yourself at the meetings of the society, and heard their botanical news, — if any.

In a previous letter you asked me to collect Acalypha gracilens for

you. Now I desire to remark that I never said it grew here, but that there was this marginal note in my Manual against A. gracilens as it was then named; later it was called var. gracilens, and what it is now, I don't know. But the note "Agrees in every respect except that the sterile spike is not as long as in the description". I did not see much of the plant after I came back, but I collected and pressed a few specimens that looked a little different from A. Virginica. Probably they are only some of the many forms of that species, but I should like to know what you call them.

I have an interesting Aroid that I wish I knew the name of. The person who gave me the bulb did not know the name, and I have had to search for it myself. While I have good reason for thinking it Amorphophallus Rivieri, it may perhaps be Godwinia gigas found by Seeman in Nicaragua. But again, it may be Dr. Beccari's plant of western Sumatra which he proposed to name Conophallus titanum. If this name and Amorphophallus above should prove to be synonyms, I should feel pretty certain ~~that~~ of my plant and the only way you can help me is by inquiring about it at the Botanic Garden, some day when you are in.

My plant has not bloomed; the bulb is still too young and small, but my friends has, and I have seen — not the flower, but a photograph of it.

Take no special pains; I am in no hurry, only if you will remember me when you are at the

Mr. Tapon's Plant, and so I am not allowed to question whether it was the real thing: but why did I never find it, when I can prove that I began to look for it more than fifty years ago? Why has it escaped your eyes & Judge Churchill's and those of a dozen other good botanists who have collected on the island? Why has Mr. Dame never collected it, who lived on the island several years and has spent about a dozen summer vacations there since he has lived in Medford? Now my proof. In 1850 Mr. John Lewis Russell visited the island, gave a few barber lectures on botany at my mother's house. One day I took him down to Trail-Point and we walked along the beach to the north. "Bigelow's Plants of Boston" was the only manual that I had ever used and in that was this report of Glaux in Plymouth, p. 104 of my edition the third, 1840, and I had bought the

Springfield, Dec. 24. 1902

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have a nice little Calendar from you as a Christmas greeting. It is just right for the writing table, and I shall have Sir Joshua's cunning little girl before my eyes. I am acquainted with the young lady, but cannot think of her name at this moment.

I send you and Mrs. Deane some Christmas cards, intended for postal cards, — very faithful I think to Scenes in Holland. I mean they are really postal cards which I am putting to this other use.

I put in also the Cabel that you wanted. Please add the authority to the name: I think it should be "Gray". I believe the plant is restored to specific rank now. I cannot find the notice in "Rhodora" that led me to mention that I had found it here, but

I think it was that Springfield was beyond any claim yet reported.

And now that I am crowded in Volume I may as well reply to your last letter, or I may not find time for months.

I am truly sorry for the cost-cost mentioned that you have had to take into your house; I hope it will lead you to join with millions of other sufferers at the right time and in the right way, viz: by your voice, your pen and your vote, to make it impossible even after this, for coal operators & railroad companies to bring such a calamity on the land. I have my usual supply of coal, put in at my usual time, May or June, but my friends all about me are trying all sorts of expedients to keep barely comfortable in one or two rooms. One of them has shut up her house, taken the nice maid who has lived with her for years, and gone South, but she is a single woman of abundant means.

I am much pleased to have the information about Amorphophallus. I have a nice little plant — resting now, — and I have pictures and descriptions of Amorpho = — Conophallus and Godwinii.

I see by the "November Rhodora" that Mr. Fagin found Glaux maritima in Nantucket in 1878, so I have made an entry to that effect in my Nantucket Catalogue; I see you found it in Mell, Maine in 1886. Mr. Fernald overlooked in his article, or in preparing the article, the record of its having been found in Plymouth, Mass. by Mr. Tuckerman. That was probably Professor Edward Tuckerman, as he afterward became, of Amherst, and his plant may be in the herbarium of the college now. I suppose Mr. Fernald has seen

plant on our shores so long that I asked Mr. Russell something about it, perhaps how it looked on its special habitat, but did not know it, and could give me no help.

1878 — 24 years ago, but Lilaea reappeared after some fifty years. But Lilaea is abundant where it grows and has been overlooked from its minuteness and its resemblance — the land form — to Myriophyllum. I wonder if Mr. Fagon's specimen is labelled with the exact locality — we have some forty miles of beach, and I dare suppose all the botanists together ever covered the whole of it in their walks.

But I must close with all the good wishes of the season from your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield. April 6-1903-

Dear Mr. Deane,

Do you know of anybody who would like a small collection of New Zealand mosses, unnamed? I have about fifty which I should be glad to give away. Mr. Eric Craig sent them to me in 1881, but I am no bryologist, and I never did anything with them. They are nicely pressed and neatly put up in separate papers; on the other hand they are faded from age, although they have hardly seen the light for a minute in all these years, and many of them are un-finished. Such are their merits and

defects, and if they can do anybody any good it is a pity that they should stay in a box on the top shelf of a closet forgotten except when housecleaning brings them to memory. If you know now or ever hear of anybody who would like them, only send me the address and he (or she) shall have them by mail without your taking any further trouble.

I hope you and Mrs. Deane are well — as well as we are in this house, for the spring finds us in very good condition.

With my regards to both

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

words, because she expresses them better than I can, but as I adopt or endorse the sentiment they become mine.

Yours with all kind regards
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. 20. 1903.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I find by the plant which I enclose that I have neither written to you nor heard from you for more than a year.

I collected the grass in 1902 in two yards belonging to deserted farmhouses at Pocomo — these localities about quarter of a mile apart. I think the plant is Bromus sterilis, and if you agree with me, I will enter the new localities in my Catalogue. As you have been at Pocomo, you will recollect probably that it is up towards the head of the harbor; the next section of the island, east of this is Manowinet. I turned to

pleased to have it turn out Bromus tectorum, because that would be entirely new to the East. I found one of the "Dusty Millers" this year growing at intervals all along the shore from Brant Point to Capaum — farther west than that I did not go — At Capaum the plants showed that they were several years old; they were four or five feet high and the clumps six or seven feet in diam., but there are equally large plants I learned afterwards on the path from No. 4 Beach St. to the nothing houses below the cliff. The flowers were so far gone that I could not identify the plant, but I think it may be Artemisia stelleriana, Bess. I brought cuttings home, which lived and grew till frost came, so I am hoping for flowers to examine next summer.

I send you a specimen of Aster graminifolius, Pursh at a venture; you may not have had it from this locality. I know it is called a Senecio now, but I haven't Britton & Brown at hand or ed. 6. of the Manual, so I must give you the old name.

I have a curious specimen of Chestnut flowers, preserved in formaline — fifty or sixty little burs on the long staminate catkin, and, to match it, little ears of corn, Indian corn, or shiny as the corn tassel.

I hope you and Mrs. Deane are well. I send my Christmas wishes in Mrs. Havergal's

Papers; some taken from letters.

In the early part of this year I had the sorrowful task of putting in some of the obituary notices of our dear friend Mr. Dame. Heaven forbid that I shall ever have to do that for the other of my two most efficient helpers! I neither expect nor wish to outlive you. But I should like your photograph if you have one to spare. I had two copies of the Memorial to Mr. Dame, so I took out of one for my book the fine picture of him, and I should feel the Catalogue enriched if I could add your portrait. Please see if you cannot gratify me.

With kind regards to Mrs. Deane and yourself

Yours most truly
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. 7th 1903.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have [illegible] the [illegible] with pleasure. [illegible] introduced [illegible] is not the [illegible] that [illegible] native is, still on this [illegible] and spread on the island), I [illegible] found it [illegible] name of the [illegible]. I believe every [illegible] who is also a [illegible] who goes [illegible] may [illegible] something new, a [illegible] or [illegible] a [illegible], an introduced [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] or towards the north end of Long Pond where [illegible] [illegible], there is a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] it; it is [illegible]

for time for me to write not only to our friends but within a day or two of the week we spent with the Theosophical Society in Bombay. Perhaps the story would end, & the Mahatma & the Chela — "Pi's Bible", The Two Books of the Dead, and the Nine Years in Deep Meditation — all for more than instruction would be needed.

In course of time the Bible stories for Pi's Bible, that of the Nine Years Deep Meditation, & the Mahatma & the Chela — I shall more carefully & more fully & more in detail —; I shall not be able to express it, I cannot make it clear, but I cannot make you feel the little not known or nothing, and what that the little not known or nothing do to impression if I do more in this letter. It is the "engineers who are made mistaken by our Minds". Perhaps it is because my intuition is from my left side, and I write with the Creative Thing.

I wish I could see some new photographs — or even one! & I thought I do not know in what the world I am writing, etc. I just up the Theosophical Society in Bombay. Little by little at that time they were going by Theosophical Structural Society, and Christianity & such things. I have a copy of "Esoteric Buddhism" & "Occult World". I have read them; what they have been giving their readers since I do not know.

I am drawing nearer to my own life & the Eternal Wisdom will make it more interesting and valuable to them. Some very dark passages, too, in our intercourse, and notes on one thing and another, some cut from newspa-

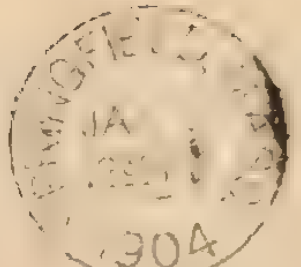
Springfield Jan. 2 - 1904

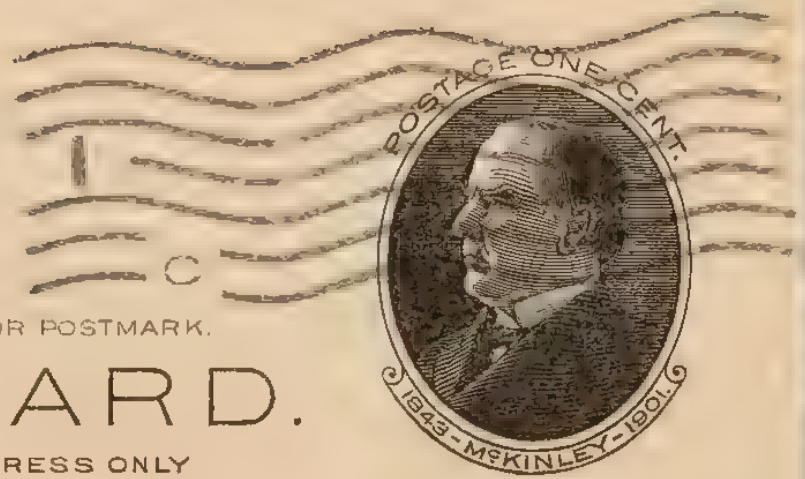
Dear Mr Deane,

I think an unmounted photograph will suit my purpose best. I am much pleased at the prospect of having one.

Yours very truly

M-L-O.





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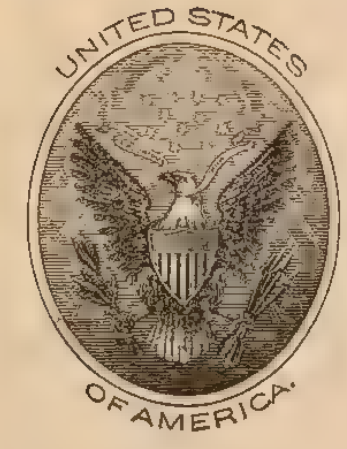
Mr. Frailer Deane
29 Brewer St.
Cambridge Mass.

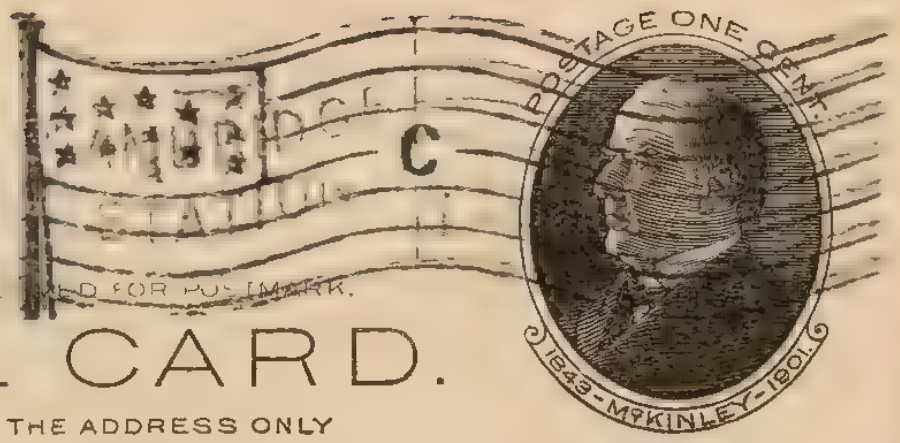
Springfield Jan 4, 1904.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I think an unmounted photograph will suit my book best, and I am much pleased at the thought of having it.

Yours very truly
M. L. C.





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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

very much obliged, and I feel that my book is much enriched.

If I ever get time I mean to try for a better photograph of myself. I never liked the one I sent you, but it was taken, as I probably told you, at the earnest request of our women's club, and they insisted on my wearing the dress they had seen me in & which they approved of. And I didn't like the pose, although the photographer was (and is) a real artist, known to his brethren in the profession all over the country, apt to be a prize-winner in all exhibitions where he competes. If I ever do have a better picture, I will give you one for your gallery to replace the present one.

With kind regards to Mrs. Deane as well as yourself, Very sincerely Yours, M. L. G.

Springfield, Jan. 10. 1904

Dear Mr. Deane,

Your photograph came this morning, and I have nothing but praise for it. Of course I should expect from Mr. Ideman taste in posing and excellence in execution, and they both appear in full degree in the picture. I like the dark background very much. And what shall I say of the subject that will adequately express my admiration without-

shocking your modesty? So much at least. That it looks like a scholarly, ~~scientific~~, gentle man; Like a Cambridge, Harvard and Boston man; and just as handsome as it can.

Poetry! Capitals and rhymes for proof! And there's a rhythm to it too; if you don't perceive it at first, read it over and over, trying different accent and stress till you find it, and then it will go with such a swing that it will almost sing itself. But I am ashamed of my vanity, — praising up my poetry, when I ought to have kept on about the picture. Well it is mounted in the Catalogue on the fly-leaf opposite the title-page, thus becoming the frontispiece of the book. I am glad you put in your card: I have cut off the writing and fixed it, i.e. the name, neatly at the bottom of the picture, where it looks much better than a written name would. Tomorrow morning I am going to add, in the right place, the dates that you gave me, — of birth and time of taking the picture. I always write better in the morning than at night.

I am thoroughly pleased and

Springfield, Dec. 23. 1904.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send my greetings to you and Mrs. Deane with a card appropriate for an ornithologist, but with grave misgivings that the bird and feathers are more imaginary than real. Whether there are a kingfisher and a kingbird I must leave to you to decide.

To me they are carrier
pigeons charged to carry him
both a pleasant Christmas
and a happy New Year.

Very cordially yours

Maria L. Owen.

Mouth -

Now I will bring on something that I have had laid up for you since last September. See the enclosed letter from my niece - She is fond of wild flowers and knows most of them by name, but is no botanist - has no time to study her specimens much. The Christmas Rose specimen is broken all to pieces: can you judge by the fragments & the description whether it is the Virginica? I thought it was. There! I mean maritima of course, though it was probably Virginica that she found in Baltimore - I made just such a mistake in my Christmas letter to you - I meant a Blue Jay, but I had just written Kingfisher, and down went "King-bird" almost automatically or mechanically. I hope I know a Blue Jay -

Yours with kind regards

Maria L. Owen -

GR Union Co.

Springfield Jan. 10. 1895 -

Dear Plato,

Your readiness will, - but Audi alteram partem. The decision to drop the paper had been long planned for the reasons that I gave Mr. Rich, and which need not be repeated, though I can add that I remember one number of Rhodora in which there was not one single article that I could understand: I looked through it in one minute, and then put it away never to be looked into again - Of late years there has not been a number that I cared to read all through, and of the articles that I can understand well

enough, there are many of our local interests. Now there are people who do care for these things, or there are not. In the first case let them house support the magazine; in the second let it come to an end. It was all right to support it at its start, to give it a chance, but now, after fair trial, if it proves that there are not enough subscribers who want it, to keep it going, let it stop. No disgrace in that; it only shows that we have not yet a scientific public up to it. As for my securing new subscribers, all the botanists of my acquaintance know of the magazine, and would take it if they wanted it without any solicitation. In it and that I can take "Popular" [illegible]

without ruining myself, but while I weighed the matter I thought what I could do with the saved dollar. I could give one more dollar to Lincoln or Hampton; I could add one more to my local subscriptions for horticulture or philanthropic objects; I could take another botanical magazine in which every article would give pleasure, and which would be as glad to get a new subscriber as Rhodora would be to keep an old one. But I will argue the case no farther; I cannot say with any truth that I want the magazine, but I can keep on taking it, and I have already written to the Editor that I will do so. "Pan" did I call you? Nay, Chrysostom of the Golden

to me constantly there's plenty
lengthening list.

But time may bring
to be written on the earliest
possible moment — meanwhile
me to close —

With kind regards to you
and Mrs. Deane

Yours most truly

Mark L. Ewell.

Springfield, Oct. 20. 1905.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have just come home from Nantucket — where I had been about ten days; I will send with this a sheet from there, and if you can tell me the name, I will add it to the catalogue. It is thoroughly established on the beach from Brant Point to Tarbox Pond at least, — how much farther I cannot say. It grows in immense clumps, or mounds I might say, for they are high in the middle and slope off to the edges. They have flowered abundant, as appears from the scores of flower stalks dead or this season standing thickly together. It is a "Dune Willow", but Senecio Cineraria = Cineraria maritima has "flowers in a dense corymb", says Gray in the Field, Forest and Garden Botany, which is the only

[illegible] I have to study it up.

[illegible] many [illegible] on Brant Point [illegible] nurses have made with them; it is [illegible] [illegible] this island is an escape (or was) but finding the salt air and the beach sand so congenial, it has increased and spread wonderfully. That beach which separates Capaum from the ocean is about 2½ miles west of Brant Point, and so far along the coast it can be found anywhere — so I judge from the testimony of a number of reliable people.

I have just a Chrysosodium in with the Dusty Miller; it was perfectly fresh when I wrapped it up and though a mere weed it was quite pretty — its color a beautiful green. I will put a pressed specimen of the same into this letter. I suppose [illegible] from memory, its [illegible] scent that it is the Ambrosioides, of which I found a few plants in 1892, never reported before. It is very common now in a street that runs from Main north to Broad St. along near the head of the wharves, — also in all the streets that run into that one near the [illegible]

If you are [illegible] in Cape May [illegible] this year [illegible] and that you had a pleasant outing. I received in the course of your [illegible] found another remarkable letter in the blank on the "bird" work, so tell me about it. Somebody told me — I wonder if it was Mr. Floyd — that Judge Churchill died [illegible] in Hammonton; [illegible] I wonder if he found anything new for the Catalogue; [illegible] you see him, and tell him that I should like to have the names if [illegible]

so singled out for praise by Mr. Ruskin, when I can only bring to see the plants itself again. "Come like shadows, so depart." Not one year the echioides was quite abundant in our place, but the hieracioides growing a mile or two off was represented by one plant only. That was a homely thing — a vicious weed which we could willingly spare. Mr. Ruskin speaks again of "those most exquisite old botanical plates", i.e. of the Flora Londinensis. Christmas

I received in due season a card from you and Mrs. Deane, for which I wish to thank you, but I will close now to answer Mr. Deane's kind note.

Yours with kind regards
Mary L. Owen.

Springfield, Jan. 12-1906.

Dear Mr. Deane

As you want to know what Dea. Samuel Bacon, I will see in with him. The statue is to commemorate one of the first settlers of this town, and given by the Deacon's descendants for their own gratification and for the adornment of the city; the donors would reverse the order of those two motives but I think whether confessedly to themselves or not, that is the rank which would be found in the depths of their ~~given~~ hearts. The sculptor is St. Gaudens and the work is much admired. There is no portrait of Dea. Samuel; the costume of his time is well known & familiar, and recently

followed here; for the new and
artist
features of Eupatorium the Quaker herb
whose individually white, if sometimes
tinged, were "reminiscent of Florida"
"the very image" of their grandfather
who again "could take his 17th cup
of tea," and it would be taken many
such cups or sides of gen. nat. of
the season himself. He is surrounded
by the machine above "meeting"
with cloudy mist, "still in tatters."

The Gaspé region yields fine-
time new even lesser, and I ap-
proach it with indecision, for
even "Lindheimer days" I know
what a valuable acquisition to our
herbarium the plants from that
region must be.

I have been reading Rusby's
"Jamaica" lately, — not for the
first time, and today I came upon
the following mention of Picris
echioides, which I think of Tom
in mine was the most obscure
completely in the face of its flower
that I ever saw; that the broad
heaven based rather in the mea-
ci. Rusby was private of the
"rolly coloured blade" expected
in the face of the last century
(the 17th was the last when he was
writing) for "the Flora Danica and
Flora Londinensis." He adds "the
latter is, in the most difficult par-
ticulars of the Compositae, even the
more considered." "The two"
"are in a note" "in the second
volume, published in 1787 Carduus
tomentosus and Picris echioides." I
fear that the Flora Londinensis is
not in our library, but I would
take some pains to look at a picture

Cambridge earlier than usual. My daughter and her husband think the sea air will be good for their little eight-month old baby girl, so they are going to spend the whole vacation there, July and August. I shall look forward to a few collecting, myself, and can hardly hope for anything new to be brought to me, as the island-born show no great botanical zeal. However I know some off-islanders who are apt to spend the summer there who delight in searching the swamps & the pond sides. I hope they will be there this year.

With best regards to you & Mr. Deane,

Yours very truly
Maria L. Wilson

3 Union St.
Springfield, May 20. 1910.

Dear Mr. Deane

I have not heard from, or about, you for a long time, but I trust that you and Mrs. Deane are all well, and that it will not prove too much to tell me the name of a violet that I send herewith from Mr. Diitt's garden in Southwick; his specialty is native plants, but this one was given him by a man who knew nothing about it as far as name & natural were concerned, and Mr. Diitt wishes very much to obtain the knowledge.

I did my best for him, but cannot find it in Gray or Britton

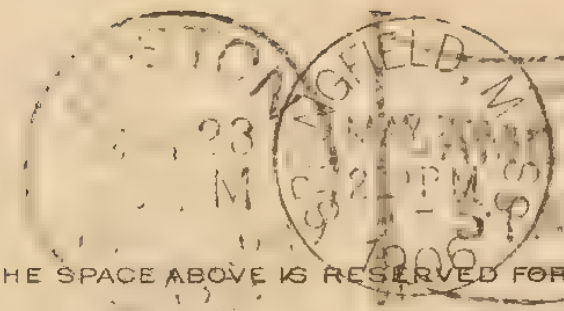
Yesterday I was in your Botanic Garden, — I hope so. There was but one fresh flower on the plants I took pains to press it, and can tell you that the petals are bearded, although that is not very plain in the dry specimen, and the fifth petal is so small that the outline of the flower is square.

The petals have shrunk so irregularly in pressing that this feature does not show in the specimen, but in the fresh flower it is so decided as to give the aspect of a crucifer. A cross shape is pretty where it is natural, but when a violet obtains it by knocking one of its petals in pieces to make a premium. Still this has a beauty derived from its dark, unusual, and the delicate blue streaks. I tried to plant this, was given to me with much of it, but it got in my garden, where it is doing well. The Chapin name will bring visitors, never and more so, but this is such as to me seem of your own convenience.

Dr. Chapin tells me an umbrella last week, which he thinks is certainly a new form (of fern) and perhaps something not reported, some. The flower was immature, but he will bring more later. There was a rather perhaps a hundred plants. I suppose you are planning to go to the country before long. Where this year? I am going to

Springfield, Mass. May 23. 900.

I wish that I knew the native country of that violet, but I understood from the friend who brought it to me, that Mr. Gillett did not know himself. & he did he ought to have mentioned it when he sent it to the Gray Herbarium. I wish I had known that he had taken that very proper step; I should have done nothing about it myself. Why is he seeking a decision from the small botanical world here, when he has already carried the case to the court of last appeal? I will ask Mr. Chapin to send you some of the intermania at the right time. Yours L. H. B. — Thanks for your prompt attention.



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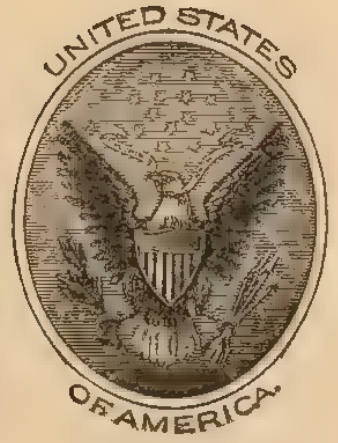
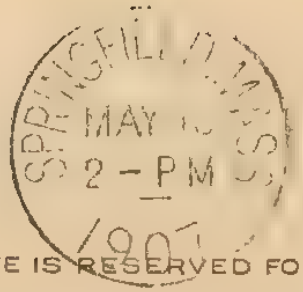
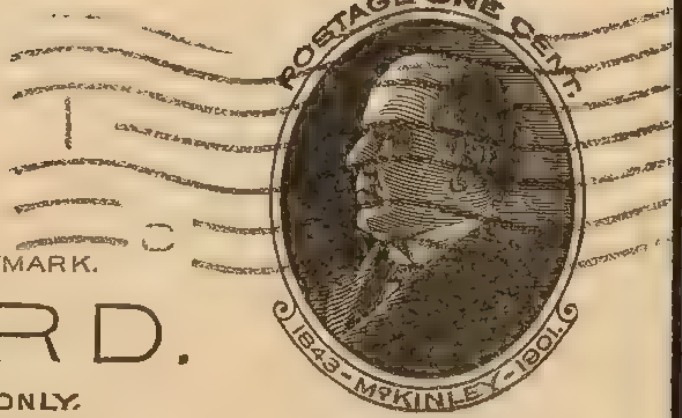
Mr. Walter Deane
26 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, May 10-1907-

I am much obliged for the name, and I know now where the queer specimen came from. There are two arborvitae trees at the entrance of Dr. E.B. Coleman's garden, corn. of Federal & Broad sts. — one each side of the gateway, and I had been in the garden in the course of my walk that afternoon. I thought it was the common native species, however. I appreciate and admire Mr. Rehder's knowledge. W.L.O.







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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Springfield June 29. 1907

Dear Mr. Deane,

I suppose I have told you that I have sold my house and am to clear it out and deliver it to the new owner Aug. 1. It is a great task to dispose of the accumulations of forty years, and it will occupy me fully with all the help I can get. You told me once that you had all the local plant catalogues that I had except that of No. Carolina from the State Survey, and one of Princeton & vicinity compiled by Dr. C. E. Wood a Nantucket man by birth, or perhaps only by family, and Gerald McCarthy, that

ical mate who was (I don't know whether he is still living) such a passionate lover of botany. I am giving away all of my books that I can do without, and you may have these catalogues if you want them, and if you do I will send them at once.

I am going to live with my daughter & son-in-law in Manhasset, L. Island. Mr. Sullivan had been elected principal of the Boys' High School in Brooklyn, 1600 boys & 75 teachers. Perhaps I have told you this before.

In greater haste but with all kind regards to you & Mr. Deane

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

far worse place than this. She is a little over two years old and is now learning the English language, and the steps of her progress are very interesting. She is a healthy, strong and happy child, and very well brought up — no foolish indulgence to spoil her, but otherwise little restraint put upon her actions.

My son-in-law is a Harvard graduate — class of 1894 — and a member of the U. U. Harvard Club. They have a Harvard Club in Manchester now & Mr. Bachelder is its first president. He says perhaps because he is the oldest member, but I know of other very valuable qualifications that office. With all best wishes for you and Mrs. Frank, Yours as ever

Maria L. Sew-

[illegible]

[illegible] Mass. Oct. 21. 1901

Dear Mr. Frank,

I have been very ill ever since I came home. Friday I began on me like an unanswered letter; I had received a correspondence card from you, and a kind note from Your Boston friend. And why please I was so very when your pleasant letter came, Your appreciation of my paper is very agreeable, and that paper of mine is all of an [illegible] for the Report. Others did the rest, — reproduced the photograph & all.

As you remembered Mr. Bachelder well enough to guess right about [illegible] I will send you with this part of his

[illegible] Thus [illegible] you
that he is still interested in grass.
I gave some with the nest and it
would rock so into the waste basket;
there was other matter on it that
nothing should. Mr. B. is a very
good friend herself, and of the [illegible]
[illegible] student of the [illegible].

You cannot read my address
of Oct. 18th, for I never made it.
The programme was made not
as early as February, but I was in
Nantucket in October. I gave
"Luther Burbank & his Work" in June,
illustrated by stereoptican slides that
I had made for the purpose. I
don't write out anything which I
intend to say before an audience;
I only use notes of the subdivisions
of my talk, so as to keep to the main
line, not omit anything.

On your card you said "I have
been at the Museum for two months,
but the bldg. will be closed on Dec. 31.
and I shall return home." What a
mysterious, curiosity-provoking utter-
ance! What museum? What
were you doing there? Did it keep
you entirely away from home, night
as well as day? And why & how
how long was the bldg. to be closed
at the close of a year? You have
earned a right to rest after 8
years of work, — how are you going
to take it?

I am well contented here; the
company of a dear little grand-
daughter would reconcile me to a

The tree-lover was Mr. Everett E. Thompson, classical teacher then in the High School; he died many years ago. The collector of the abnormal was Miss Bell of Chicopee, now Mrs. Harmon. Her contributions were truly wonderful, — for one, a Sanguinaria with three flowers on its stalk. The Longmeadow member Miss Goldthwait, a special teacher for part of the year at Mt. Holyoke Seminary. Microscopist, Miss Mary A. Booth. P. E. Dr. George Dimmock. Musical member, Mr. Batchelder. Our wise counsellor and president Mrs. Fern Smith.

The secretary - treasurer
was Mr. Fred E. Trainor

The woman's guide member
was Mrs. J. V. Burnham.

The lady who brought in so many new members was Miss Elizabeth J. Teele, alluded to before as joining in the beginning, because she wanted to be a botanist and was willing to study. She was a teacher.

The daughter of our Chief Justice was Miss Mary Chapman - a lady of sufficient French or mind to call little shell-people Fairyfingers and her, as long as she was doing right, as she always was. All of these members except Mr. Thompson are still living. M. E.

P.S. I find that I had overlooked the doctor and the minister. The former was Dr. Walter H. Chapin, — you saw him in Springfield. He seldom comes to the meetings now, but he is in the very front rank for his knowledge; he has a fine compound microscope and uses that very profitably in the study of the lower orders.

The Rev. Geo. N. Perry was a Universalist minister; he used to go out to the hill towns west of us to hold mission meetings, and naturally found specimens on the heights which did not grow in the low level of our valley.

M.L.D. 1

Boston Feb. 6. 1911

Dear Mr. Deane,

Can and will you tell me when the new illustrated Manual is to come out? Please answer as soon as possible — a line on a p.c. would do. I want to know specially for a special reason. In tremendous haste, M. L. D.

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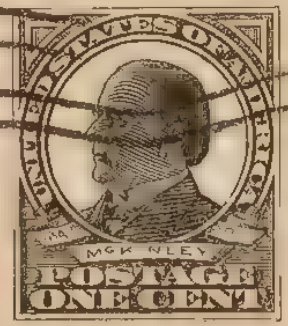

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Mr. Waller Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

206 Pierrepont St. Brooklyn Feb. 25. 1905

My Friend in Need,

What I want to know now is when Mr. Geo. W. Emerson died. His "Memorial" which no one could tell me, but that is beyond my reach — at Manhasset packed up with the rest of my books. I find from the Gen. Rhodora, that our Manhattan Pump Cactus is the Cotologuei R. salicifolius Meinn. not R. decidius, Mig. Who knows but that R. mexicanus may be detected on the island? Dr. Gray used to say that he was never surprised at anything from Mexico.

Yours very truly M. L. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

206 McDonough St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. March 29. 1908.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have been writing two papers on the heaths of Manitoulin, i.e. those European Ericas & Calluna. Mrs. Morgan has one of them just now for her to acknowledge what I have put in on her authority, or else correct it, and when it comes back, I should like to send the one and the other to you for advice. One is for Rhodora if Dr. Robinson will accept it, the other, never to be printed, I am going to give to the Gray Herb. or to the Torrey Botanical Club of New York. I think

it will not take you long to read them and then advise me — one evening will be enough. If you are willing to give me this help, I will send them when Mrs. Morgan returns here, and then write again in full detail.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Deane,

Yours as ever
Maria L. Owen.

with her son, spending this vacation there. I shall send it to you when it comes back to me; it is in pretty rough form, but if Dr. Robinson will accept it for Rhodora, I shall write it over, for I should be ashamed of its style as it is at present. Then I reconsidered this one which I send and I think the present decision will be final. You will see as soon as you read it that it was never meant for publication. Yes! that would never do. It is absolutely true — all those personalities, but discreet people don't print such things. Mrs. Pearson died some years ago; there is

206 McDonough St.
Brooklyn
April 5. 1908.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send you one of my papers on our heaths; to understand it you will have to read the Torrey Bulletin article to which I refer. I wrote about the same thing a number of years ago, and placed it in the Springfield City Library. I had previously given that library the first sixteen volumes of the Torrey Bulletin, bound, and I had this paper of mine inserted ~~and~~

in vol-13 of Dr. Willis's article and fastened there, where it still remains I suppose, but may not be seen for a hundred years.

My mind did not remain at ease long; justice, truth and duty kept calling upon me to put my statement where it would be more likely to be seen by botanists and I planned another article going into details more, to be given to the Torrey Botanical Club — the article in fact, which I send you now, but I did not find time to write it for several years.

Then I thought I would give it to the Torrey Club and an abstract to the Green Herbarium. Then another idea took form in my mind; as you thought Dr. Robinson might like this for Rhodora, I would write another for that magazine without referring to Dr. Willis's tissue of misrepresentations, and I found time to accomplish that. It is in Mrs. Morgan's hands now. I looked for it last week, but heard from a friend soon after that she was in Manchester

no child or grandchild left
and no near relative to my
knowledge to be hurt by what
I do say, and that is nothing
very bad after all. Mrs. Carr-
ter was a good woman, intelli-
gent and interesting, but there
was a weak spot in her char-
acter — what the phrenologists
call a "case of conviction". It
is only for the sake of the truth
that I have had to expose it: you
will see that I cured it contra-
dict Dr. Wells's point blank with-
out just this portrayal of my friend's
character. Now I will let you
and Dr. Robinson read this paper
and it may be sent to anybody
and everybody who cares anything

about
the matter; they may lay its
substance up in their memory
but are by no means to copy
any 'part' of it. When it is
done with I want it returned
to me. I can put the substance
of it into the other article, I
have it all settled in my mind
how I will do it, but no
more about that just now -
I will write again when I
send the ~~and the~~ other
paper; if it will be wanted for
Rhodora I will tip it up to
the best of my ability -

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Owen.

Brooklyn, April 10. 1908

Dear Mr. Pease,

I send the MS. of the history of the Heath; it is just a rough draft, as it shows for itself. You may make any criticisms or suggestions that seem to you, and they will be gratefully received. I should like to have Dr. Robinson read it and see whether he would like it for Radcliffe. Some time next fall. I hope to go to Nantucket early in July and while there to go over everything that Mr. Appleton told me, and go out with him

and take another look at some of the plants — in fact I am going to make the statements — I was going to say "unassailable," but people can assail anything, so I will say this instead; I am going to verify all that I record, so that it will stand any and all contradiction and come out triumphant. Mr. John Appleton is one of the owners & drivers of pleasure carriages for summer visitors, a man of superior intelligence and thoroughly interested in the preservation of the little plants. He has no reservations from me, and I could not have a better helper, so I shall write my paper all over, perhaps while I am in Manitou — and then will come the plan for printing. Rhodora has the first offer. Yours most truly M. L. Allen

(over)

What adjective would you use before "Heaths" in the title? "European", "Foreign" "Old-World" "Exotic" or what? Or will the heading do as it is? We have twenty or thirty (counting species) of the Ericaceae which are all "heaths" in the same sense as the word heath is in common language, and the three that we mean are so called. I want to have the title just right, as well as everything else

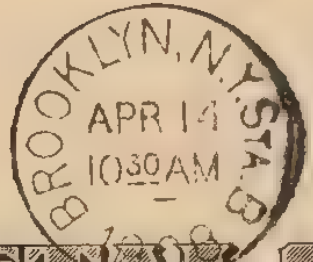
You both have a personal — a domestic history, apart from the question of their introduction which is all that a scientific journal would want, & I should like to see you and talk over with you some of the incidents that have occurred in the course of the forty years since the discovery of the disease, but when shall I have that pleasure? I don't travel as much as I used to forty years ago. Yrs. C. D.

Brooklyn N.Y. 8-1908

This is to tell you that the copy came back this morning. I am glad it, like it well enough to accept it. He and you understand, I suppose, that the final copy for publication cannot be ready till late in the summer. I thank you very much for your criticism of my poem, but and I shall weigh carefully even suggestion

For my credit, I ask you to recollect that I told you what I sent was only the first crude draft; you can hardly find anywhere a more severe critic of office — my own and other poems — than I am; I should say severe critic is that did not indulge you when I must I am free? yours C.

"Adventure" is just the word I was seeking for



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Gen. Walter Deane
247 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

(and you will not) never mind, John Appleton would know what they meant.

You can show it to Dr. Robinson or not, as you please; when I have written it once more I shall submit it to him for the final touches before it goes into the printer's hands. Suggest what you please, for it's better now; I shall be thoroughly glad of any criticism.

With kind regards
Yours very truly
Maria Owen.

206 The Concord St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. May 12-1908

Dear Mr. Keane,

I have written my Rhodora paper almost all over, and I suppose you will be obliging enough to read it once more, so I send it along without further notice. I always write in this way — get my ideas on paper and in as orderly an arrangement as I can, also in as good style, but for the style I correct & improve as long as the article remains in my hands. I shall

go over this again, let's not
till I have been in Nantucket
and verified my statements,
or not verified exactly but
made them more precise.
You will see on the yellow
paper what is still to be done.
You will see too, that if I
should be taken away before
this paper was ready for the
printer, you could finish it,
and you would be the best person
to do it. Mr. John Appleton would
take you to all the places
and tell you all about them
in one day. The finger of Destiny
which has been pointing at
me will then turn round
till it reaches you.

What has puzzled me much
is the best way to refer to that
Willis article and contradict it.
How does my idea of putting
it into a note strike you? I find
at least two other ways, and if
this my language in this seems
savage the it was worse in the
first. I adopted the improve-
ments in the first paper that you
suggested, or most of them, and
shall be on the lookout for more.

I have added to the typewrit-
ten article, and am now quite
well satisfied with that as I
never have been before.

If you don't understand
all the notes on the yellow paper

See The Memorial
for pp. 2, 3, 4,

See Wood's Manual
for its date p. 3.

Mr. Appleton
pp. 6, 16, 2, 18 2
p. 18. Particulars about
the two —
p. 20. Measure + Count
beyond —

Get to the truth about
the plant at the
Cliff Spring —

Clinton Macy's story not
with mentioning —

Reed
pd 24)

Lake Geneva Wis.
Nov 22-1910 Thursday.

Dear Mr. Crane,

The new picture is fine, & we all see in it Mme Bernhardt's version. My time-limit won't let me try to describe this clothing today in the long-hand report of the Sun.

I shall send Tuesday, or Friday, a typed specimen of the international advertising we are doing now. It attracts the attention from street in the Times by its extreme, almost appalling simplicity, and its bold, almost brutal, use in the middle of a page of

The time spent in [illegible] was
[illegible] as it was in many more
[illegible] normal individuals. The [illegible]
[illegible] me that Mr. Robinson was in-
[illegible] in that panic and asked
me to read the [illegible] to him,
and I thought I could feel alter-
nately a thought that rather in-
[illegible] to whether this is to be [illegible]
[illegible] on an old friend than on
a gentleman item I have to
[illegible] as Mr. Robinson I wrapped it
up for mailing weeks ago, but I
suppose it is not fair to standing
[illegible] in a warm room.

I spent a month in Hardtown
and much of the time was [illegible]
in visiting the theatres again, and
in [illegible] with a [illegible]
upon the [illegible] Mr. Robinson was
[illegible] me another
both [illegible], but [illegible] the
[illegible] normal [illegible] of
Mr. [illegible] who was [illegible] in
[illegible] and that the [illegible]
[illegible]. The [illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible] in my work; I have [illegible]
[illegible] for two
years [illegible] me [illegible]
all over the island, and that has
turned much [illegible] my advan-
tage. It was through this [illegible]
I made the acquaintance of
Mr. Robinson. The [illegible] in
the Hardtown letter [illegible] me
[illegible] the Mr. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] in his [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of Mr. Mr.

Mr. The new Museum reached me there, & our delight in every particular! Oh yes The building, the visits, the conversations with the minds of their collections with the help of their admirable book!

In a back number of Science, monthly book, in one of those pre-Cambrian plant lists, there was a record of Fucoides Squarrosus with a locality in Massachusetts given as the northern limit of that plant as far as known; i.e. I understood it so, though it was not quite certain. I took out a map as any rate and found that our Springfield station was a small fraction of a degree farther north than till one in the list. I guess I have our specimens of it long ago.

Well then, Professor, since some days ago; do you know how soon after the crime they died out the entire number and dependents & particulars? I wish I could know and then I could say our

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the stone, which in color, we fix in memory, but also in material and decorated in the usual way with large fresh pattern &c. This beautiful horse standing ready for the 8th had adjusted & as ready to start us, were the Western Public and all their kindness & happiness with which the memory love & hope of the heart of their sister. This was a great comfort to me & the children, for in their time I had not been near them & the necessity on account of the [illegible] & the [illegible] & the [illegible] of the [illegible] & the [illegible] of the [illegible] & had a pleasant talk with the courteous, pleasant and

Affectionate Gentleman. He also
very kindly gave to Pat Me, and
our wild flowers especially. He
told me of the E. Terrestris patch in
the meadow which I had never
been and never made out, mate-
rial found there by everyone with
the exception of the rich and
lovely clue as he found it in Cattle-
field Fearsly, made its own. When
I told him about the paper which
I was writing, he offered me any
help that he could give, and
gave me from his collection
in Pontefract which was valuable indeed
he did promise. He found the
value of exactness in a paper I had
mine, and of his own accord,
began in and counted Two plants.
Those only? Does it mean if you
pick? But middle like and
time comes in fact. His interest
in obtaining to me, so clear of topics
surprise deep people are always
critical about voices. Was it
not providential that he should
on that particular day to drive
the spring a weather into his brain.
"For in vain begin the day
Thread." This favorite proverb
of mine was proved, as to its truth,
a number of times in my difficult
researches, notably in the case of
Miss Lydia Folger and Mr. Montgomery,
that I had in the quiet two years
I had going on one, screen to another,
intimate critic in book.

After my stay, in Nantucket, I returned
to our pleasant home in Mon-
tclair where our Pages later — into November.

my time. I have thought of
you very far in advance
under my life, but I found
it was to be in time when time
either came, I had turned to
my own friends. Even if
I do not go away, I want to
know when to expect them if
they do, in case, said
they tell me in a few weeks
or a postal card? Then you
can tell them over time to
answer my letter but not urgen-
tly. With best regards to you and
Mrs. Deane Yours very truly

Vidal Lecoin

In Wild West Costume.

A man who promises to be one of the most picturesque members of the summer colony at Nantucket this season arrived in the city last evening, en route for the island, clad in wide sombrero, corduroy coat and trousers, heavy riding boots, clanging spurs, a roll of thousands of dollars in "yellow backs," a cartridge belt with several rounds of ammunition, a heavy Colt revolver that was the wonder of all who saw it, and lastly, but of by far the greatest importance to him, his companions for the summer months—three beautiful western ponies. The saddles which he had to throw over their backs were also of wonderful make, each of them being ponderous affairs, loaded down with silver trappings. E. Le Roy

The man's name is E. H. T. Thompson and he hails from somewhere in the wilds of Wyoming—a ranchman by occupation, and one who has been very successful, too—and a very quiet and interesting person. As he rode through the streets in his make-up of the western plains, he was the cynosure of eyes from every direction, and more than one observer wondered what his business here could be. It was thought by those who had seen him leading his ponies that he was a horse trader, and this opinion became quite general. Inquiry at the stable of William D. Richards, where he put up his horses for the night, brought forth the information that the horses were for his own use while at Nantucket, and Mr. Thompson himself felt quite aggrieved when informed of the impression that had gotten abroad concerning him.

He was far from a horse-trader, he maintained, and while there might be money enough in New Bedford to make him part with his horses, he said that he had not seen it as yet. One of his ponies, "Bess," he says he will never part with, and he tells with a great deal of pride of the speed and endurance of the little pony, and of the wagers that he has won in various tests.

Mr. Thompson visited Nantucket a couple of years ago, making a brief stop at that time, and he was so much attracted by the island that this year he has hired a cottage there for the summer, and has had a barn erected in rear of it in which to quarter his ponies. He has no family, and comes here alone, but he cares for little other company than his horses, and says that he anticipates a mighty pleasant time at the island. Failing health is the cause of his trip to a spot on the ocean, and he is of the opinion that the change of atmosphere is what is needed to brace him up.

To see him on the back of one of his ponies, cartridge belt at his waist, and his wide sombrero pulled down over his eyes, one would think him a genuine cow-puncher from way back yonder in the bad lands. Talk with him, however, and the illusion is quickly dispelled. He is a ranchman, but he owns the ranch and in his manner is quiet and unassuming. The fact that he has come clear across the continent arrayed in his costume of the plains, he explains by the fact that shortly after he started east, his hostler was taken sick and Mr. Thompson did not want to entrust the care of his saddle-horses to any one else. So he played the role of hostler all the way across, and accordingly he wore a costume fitted for the work. And then, again, he is of the positive opinion that he will wear any costume that he likes, and he kind of prefers his present get-up, because it is the one to which he has been accustomed all his life.

While standing in Richard's stable this morning, he saw a bird dog that caught his fancy, so he bought it. Howard Ames owned it, and when Mr. Thompson offered him a $20 bill for it, he handed over the dog.

Mr. Thompson arrived in the city last evening and left on the afternoon boat for Nantucket, together with his ponies and his newly acquired dog.—N. B. Standard, 4th.

Dr. Thompson is to occupy the cottage of Byron E. Pease, at Quidnet.

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Notice.

THE WANNACOMET WATER COMPANY finds it necessary to again call attention to the great waste of water through

206 McDonough St.
Brooklyn, Dec-22-1908

Dear Mr. Deane,

I took up my pen to send you Christmas greetings, but will use it first to tell you to keep that Inquirer clipping as long as you can use it for anybody's pleasure, and when you read it do tell your hearers of that providential sprig of heather which Dr. Bonar wore when Mr. Appleton providentially met him, and which led to my

learning about his discoveries, and listen to his help about the crow-leaved heathers. Does in Heaven send thread to a web begun?

My separates came, and are now, as you suppose, widely distributed. And I received the paper that was sent to Mr. Rand's address, thanks to him and you.

I congratulate you on your new honor, — president of the N. E. Bot. Club. I am glad to have a personal friend in that high position. What a wonderfully full set up Eaticer you have! That one cracking species must be very rare. What is it?

Now my Christmas greetings shall go, entrusted to this innocent faced little bambino; & I trust he will assure you and Mrs Deane both of my warmest remembrances

Yours most truly

Maria L. Lyon

Pond and to the Waldaker
Air-Shrine Station. The coloring
of the vegetation was gorgous
even there. I secured a few
specimens of an aster that has
puzzled me since this year, and
sent them to Mr. Floyd. It is a
handsome species, its purple is
the brightest, enough red in its
combination to make the color
brilliant.

Your letter was directed to 206.
I suppose I had not sent you word
that we moved back coming to 167
McDonough St. We like the change very

167 McDonough St.
Brooklyn, Dec. 29, 1909.

Dear Mr. Keane,

I have waited longer
than I wanted to before thanking
you & Mrs. Keane for the little
book with its kind sentiment, but
I have not been sitting with idle
hands all these days, and I
certainly did "forget yourself."
That a delightful time
the Botanical Club will have
with its visitors today, and

Chrysanthemum
Aster
Fern
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd

the visitors are to be congratulated too on this opportunity of meeting the distinguished N.E. botanist. I hope Rhodora will report the meeting.

I take the magazine though I read it with much skipping, so many of the articles are for specialists, but I do wish the list of the local flora, interesting in themselves and showing incidentally one of the things that can be done by amateurs.

I went to Kentucky one day this year — Apr. 22. and stayed five weeks. The weather was warm and warmer most of the time, and we finished our drive twice, once to Gray's swamp and the other towards Red Bank Church and Hill, then another to the western end of the island, across Long

or flowers either; in your case, acquaintance with it ought to have been the flowery and fruit just mine. It may have a different habit in other localities, — I cannot say about that, and I never collected it; or even don't remember.

I hope you and Mrs. Weare are looking forward to a pleasant summer and that happy finds are in store for you.

With all kind regards to both

Yours most truly

Marian L. Dover

Westbrook, Me. Oct. 24th 1910.

Dear Mr. Weare,

It is kind of you to send you for your Euphorbia article in Torreya; I had read it, as I take the magazine, but such an attention showing remembrance, is always pleasing. The paper was not wasted for I have asked my daughter & and I to our friend Miss Freeman who had not seen it. That lady and I came down together last Wednesday, and she, in her usual way, experienced traveller as she is, managed to see as many of our interesting objects as most

strangers do in a month. She went home yesterday morning, but in the time that she was here we took a long drive every day — four. In the Thousand Acre Thicket & Sexton's room on the Cliff you can imagine how gay it is now, covered with its great yellow blossoms. Our heaths are not in flower yet, but we saw all three of them — the Calluna and the broom seem to be thoroughly naturalized here.

What a delightful find you had in that quiled spurge! Mr. Kerr was equally happy thinking that he had E. Esula; he sent me specimens, which are probably true & placed them in the herbarium & the spot for trial; I am going to write to them to correct the error — or, I will write a memorandum myself to lay with the sheet.

Mr. Kerr died about two weeks ago, out in Minnesota; a kind, thoughtful man, whose death I should lament, if it had not been for him a release from an incurable and painful malady.

We found Arenaria peploides on the beach here, a common plant on our shores, but like the E. Cyparissias only more so, it seems [illegible]

I see Dr. Clapin minded what I said when I had to go off and leave you to his care for our doors & my cousin's for the house. He will be pleased to find that you have not forgotten what he did. Gland maritima found at last in our township though on the island of Tuckernuck. The shore of Madaket harbor and along there is evidently the place to seek the plants on our island. I never collected there — too far from home for my youthful botanizing.

As Mr. Pugg found Arenaria peploides in bloom some three weeks ago, I went to his locality yesterday — some two or three miles from the bathing beach, & the westward. I found

Nantucket July 6. 1910.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I knew it would be a pleasure to read the leaflets you send me, so I put it off till I should have time to go through them at my leisure — hence this enjoyment. (I did enjoy both, though it is sorrowful to think of the dire need that calls out such papers. Last fall the authorities perceived that a beautiful stretch of wood between our manhaset home and the village needed "Clearing up", so they went at it with saws, hatchets, axes and [illegible]-knife

and left it a piece of ugly deso-
lation. Now if you are willing I
will try to get your paper republished
in one of the local newspapers, or
such parts of it as the editor may
select for his purpose. It is very
desirable to extend the influence
of such excellent papers

And the other on our wild flowers.
Its practical suggestions, needed here
as everywhere, would perhaps be acted
on if brought before certain people.
Could you spare three copies? Coming
from the president of the N.E.F.B.C. they
would be more effective.

Mrs. Stokeley Morgan, Pres't of the
Mass. Soc. for P.W.F.
Miss Helen A. Gardner, a zealous
member of the same.
Miss Marianna Hussey a teacher
in the High School, much interested
in natural science.
Mrs. Morgan's if you send it had
better be directed to the care of Miss
Gardner — for herself & Miss Hussey
"Manchester" is sufficient address. Mr.
Morgan went abroad last October
& has not returned yet, although
expected now, — may be here any time.
These ladies will really try to carry
out your suggestions about Hibiscus, &c.

finds on the large, flat plants - it was always on the under side of the long branches, which threw me where it was to the flower in ques-tion. It may not be so rare as I have supposed, it may have been covered by drifting sand on the very plants where I was seeking it in the axils - the upper leaves!

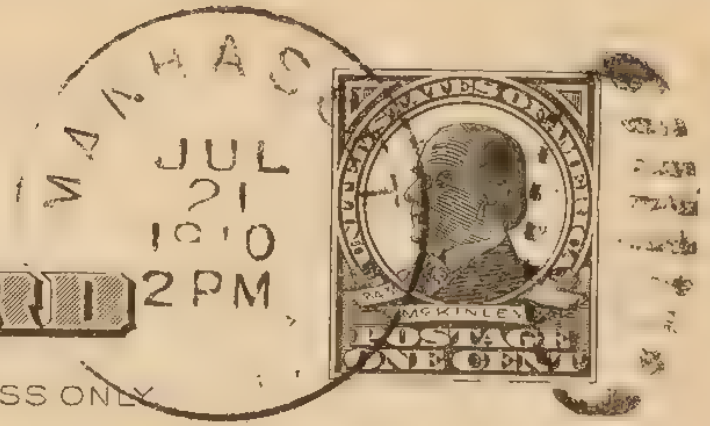
With all kind regards and the hope that nice "finds" are in store for you this summer,

Yours very truly

Maria L. Green -

Manchester, L. I. N.Y. July 20-1910-

Dear Mr Deane. Dr. Walter H. Chapin's address is 675 State St. Springfield, Mass. I hope you will be sure to send him your paper, - it will please him so much. I am glad somebody in Springfield has found prior on E. Cyparissias. I had the plant in my yard and never noticed any fruit on it, although, to be sure, I did not know then how rarely it formed seed. I haven't written for that desired permission. Though I should like it well enough. I think believe the articles are copyrighted. Yours very truly T.C. L.D.



POSTAL CARD

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge

F. Weller

but the friend who took me there could guide a horse up and down stairs as an every day matter, and his horse, mountain-bred, — intelligent creature — could have done the same alone, too, I dare say.

Mr. Floyd tells me of Mr. Chapin's election to membership in the M.E. Bot. Club. He is worthy of the honor and will value it I am sure. Though I suppose he will seldom be able to attend the meetings. With all kind regards to you and Mrs. Deane

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen

16 Mt Vernon St.
Brookline, Dec. 16, 1910

Dear Mr. Deane,

Mr. Fernald's notice of Hyoscyamus niger in the October Rhodora, followed or preceded in the November number moves me to tell you what I know about it. I first saw the plant on Castle Island in Boston Harbor. My record is an our summer home in Manchester now closed for the winter, but the date must have been 1845 or 47, for in those years I was in South Boston, teaching at the

Naturalization on the Prairie

It has been found in Manchester as the enclosed shows — a copy of an entry of one of the additions to our flora in my interleaved book. It was very likely one and the same plant that these two observers saw, for between Commercial wharf and the Steamboat landing is a long stretch as you know, and includes the corner of Whale and Main Sts.

In an earlier number of the journal Mr. Emile Williams tells of a drive in Franklin County with a cousin whom they saw

Waldsteinia fragarioides, a thing which pleased him much, and that sends me to record this I have here (I saw the plant in Castleton, Vt. in 1856 May) and again in Jamaica, Vt. June 6-1876. (Waldsteinia was rare, — supposed it would always be found when you got to the right place. The locality in Jamaica was Hamilton Falls, a wild rocky region a paradise for botanists & am sure that time it was absolutely untouched by man, the spoiler, and seldom visited by any body, for it was accessible only by a truly awful road,

Hyoscyamus niger, L., found between Commercial Wharf & the steamboat landing, by Ludwig Schumacher, who sent me a specimen from Millington, N.J. Aug. 16, 1888. (I received the letter Aug. 13.)

Edward Bancroft of Phila. found it at the corner of Whale & Main Sts., about the same time.

Dandrine, Hawaii Co. T.H.
April 9. 1911.

Dear Mr Deane,

A young friend has written to ask where she can get leaflets, or any literature, on the preservation of our wild flowers. I could tell her if I could reach my books and papers, but we moved out here yesterday, and my possessions are in trunks and crates which may not come for a week.

This lady is an ardent lover, student and protector of birds, and I am sure will do good work for the flowers too.

Even after my things get here

It will take some time to unpack and find places for all. I venture to bear the requisitions of one and hope it will not bother you much. Just a line or two on a postal card will be enough, and I shall be extremely obliged.

We have probably come out this time for good; the Brooklyn house will be given up, so the clearing out and transfer had to be thorough.

"Hands Scotland [i.e. our Manhasset house] when it died?" Yes, it hasn't stirred an inch, but our part of the township has grown so much in population that they have given us a new street of our own, under the name which the old Dutch owners gave to an immense farm which had been owned in one family for nearly three hundred years, when they sold it to be cut up into building lots. Ivy Lea Plandome is Dutch for happy home.

I hope Mr. Deane is well this spring — you too.

With kind regards to both
Yours very truly
Maria Kidder.

Randome, L.I., N.Y. Apr. 12-1911

Dear Mr. Deane, The address above is shorter & just as good as with the county added. I still take Rhodora and I read your articles on Dr. Pennallow with interest. I knew him a little when he was in Amherst. You can send your "address" to Miss Emily B. Adams 63 — you boy! I never began to feel old till I had twenty years added to that age.

Yours very truly M. L. O.

Idylease Inn
Newfoundland
New Jersey.
I know she will like to have it.

POSTAL CARD

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Mrs. Waller-Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Manhasset, Long Island
April 15. 1911

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Deane

An Easter card for both of you, with my "thanks" for your greetings brought by "The Bretts daisies." The other is in anticipation of the birthday that is coming; not appropriate for a spring anniversary, but it is the only one I have that carries on in the word "birthday." May you have as many in future as you want!

With all kind regards to both

Your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen.

(over)

I have gone back to our old Post Office; I find it much more convenient for this house than the new Pendonce Office. M.L.O.

Pittsmouth, Neb. Mar 25. 91

Inquire at my old address brings my letter to the house quicker than the new one.

Dear Mr. Lesquereux

Can I order more of your wonderful specimens, so nearly complete for the union that it embraces, still Pinnularia arcuatula is not very common and in small qu on a venture. I found a little patch of it under a tree in the Choctaw a fortnight ago, my two hands would cover it — and have been watching it for rain ever since. I think I shall be going to town any. Excepts or that lack the specimens are good.

When you reply will you tell me how rare Sillaea simplex or Vaillantia is, the land form, which makes such a beautiful green bed?!! Have in mind a paper on a Florula on Cuba's to day — it is "unknown" — for "unknown" of

[illegible] must [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]
Common. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the middle of June.

Yours with kind regards.

Maria [illegible]

Manhasset, L.I. May 28. 1911

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am as pleased as you are about that Sherardia, probably more so, for it is better to give than to receive. I wish you could see the flower when fresh, — like a cunning little Houstonia of a bright lavender and with the most delicate tube — as fine as a hair. If I thought Judge Churchill would like a specimen, I would send him one, but he probably keeps to the way he began with & his Sibm — putting only his own Collections into it. But I will give you one more piece for you to bestow on some botanical friend and will put in an extra label to go with it.

You need not look up Lilaea in the books; I am not going to write a monograph on it, but an utterly unscientific paper telling the history of the plant on our island — found by Oakes, lost for some

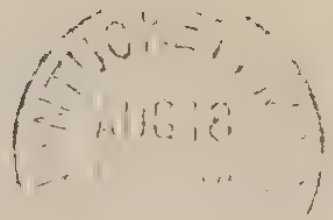
sixty years then found again, — lost again, but to be sought again this year vigorously if circumstances favor me. I wanted to know if it was fairly common or somewhat rare, and what you could tell me of your own knowledge, and then I could judge how much of a time I should make over the thing.

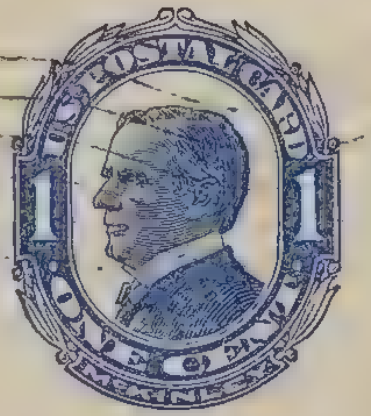
And please tell me what Carey is teaching from your Form. It must be extremely rare and so I am extremely desirous to know what it is.

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Owen.

132 Pearl St. Huntington, Aug-18-1911

Can the miserable specimen I send with this be Iva xanthifolia Nutt.? Mrs. Nellie Hammond brought it to me yesterday, - fresh enough then, but it began to wilt and dry at once in spite of all my pains. She found a fine large plant in Howard St., a short street that runs out of the western end of Main St. One only plant there as I understood it. The label in Iva has gone no specific name. I hope you are having a good time somewhere. Mrs L. Owen -





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

desire to make a name for himself — to show off before the world. The ambition which he had was to do good work without a thought of the credit & praise that it might bring him — he was diligent in work from the pure love of it. What he learned was gladly shared with all who cared for it, — it was a real delight to him to take a botanist out into the field, show him the rarities and tell him the observations he had made upon them. I will lend you whichever of these two articles you have not seen, and you certainly should have both.

Mr. Batchelder was a descendant of that Hugh Gallant whom Whittier brings into his poem of "The Sycamores," but the best of that man's

Cambridge, Oct. 5, 1881

Dear Mr. Deane,

Mr. Batchelder deserves the best notice that Rhodora can give him, but I am not the one to write it, because writing is a slow & irksome task to me. I know people who would rush down without hesitation ~~about~~ in an hour what it would take me a week to compose — what a waste of my time which I need so much for other things!

Mr. Batchelder sent me two notices — one here "A Gentle Life"

was enclosed in her letter — a cutting from some paper. Then she sent me a paper containing a longer notice. From the two a good article could be made, though valuable additions about his work could be supplied from their own knowledge by yourself and several at the Herbarium.

The newspaper article that gave the facts about his parentage, his work as an organist in different places, the surviving relatives &c. is valuable for its information, but is marred by serious defects in style; some of the expressions would set Mr. Batchelder's teeth on edge, for he had a charming style of his own, — clear, simple, direct and with a playfulness, a gentle humour when the subject allowed it. If you ever read those articles on the flora of Manchester & its vicinity that came out in a Manchester paper, you have seen good examples of this.

One thing in "A Gentle Life" should ~~be~~ not be repeated as it stands in any Rhodora article, — that is, that if he lacked anything it was ambition. When that is said of a man without qualification it implies indolence, or not using one's powers to their full extent, but the writer of this really beautiful tribute did not mean that. The ambition that Mr. Batchelder lacked was the

character was not set forth there, — the poet did not know it himself; he told my sister once that he wished he had known it — he would have added to his picture.

Mr. B. was also descended from the Rev. Stephen Batchelder who was in this country from 1632 on for a dozen years — more or less. His character, moral & religious was unjustly attacked in his lifetime but fully vindicated now. My kinsman by both of these lines of descent and we value greatly both of these ancestors. I always like to know a person's forebears when I read his biography, but my taste may not be shared by all and besides half of the readers of Mr. Batchelder's obituary in the

might never have heard of these two men, one half of the rest would know only the more frivolous parts of Hugh's character, and the old estimate of the Rev. Stephen's, and it might seem to such to be of no great credit to come of such stock although Daniel Webster and the poet Whittier were of the Buckler descent.

At this late day I will send my thanks for the article about Nantucket from "The Bellman"; I liked it well enough to send it along to my sister-in-law in Philadelphia. You were more prompt in acknowledging the receipt of the letter in the N.Y. Post. I do not know the author — I wish I did. What a task you have before you, — to bring the nomenclature of your great herbarium down to the present style! Pleasant though and certainly improving — instructive — for a change of names is bothering till one gets used to it.

With all kind regards

Yours most truly

Maria L. Owen.

write, write, and the housework was put into the hands of servants who could not do it half as well as I could."

This is light & frivolous stuff, though true, I insist upon that, and I write it with a heavy heart. My dear friend and kinsman is taken out of my mind, and I mourn for him with true and deep sorrow which will never grow any less while my own life lasts.

Yours very truly,
Maria L. Owen.

Newington, N.H. Nov. 20. 1911

Received Nov 21

Dear Mr. Evans

I write for a reliable information about Mr. T. Bellchamber & we filled in as you are somewhere at the Bot. Garden. Now

1. For what date is it wanted?
2. Is it "A Genius Life" or has other article that you have seen?
3. Will somebody in Cambridge put in some of Mr. B.'s really good botanical work? This is due to him, and also to the magazine itself as showing why he deserved a farewell

tribute in its pages.

4. Please send my sister's note. I could not reproduce it from memory, yet some of that in Fay, I may find parts of it useful.

5. What is your opinion and advice about bringing in those two ancestors?

When you answer please do not think any one of the above four questions and one request immaterial — they are important, and if they are not all noticed in your reply, my part of the contract will be off, to you will not will to read some very, when you are writing to your answer.

I never knew the exact meaning of the expression "the irony of fate" though I know well enough how it is used. For instance of myself. "From her girlhood till through life, writing, from a school composition up to an article for Rhodora, was a tremendous task to her. She would have gladly taken, at any time, instead of such work a couple of hours in a friend's kitchen, washing the dishes for her, yet such was the irony of fate, she was continually been to

Manhasset, L.I. N.Y. Nov. 4-1911

Dear Mr. Deane

I write in great haste to ask you to tell Dr. Robinson, that I had rather write for the Jam Rhodora than to hurry up an article for December. Besides Mr. Batchelder will help me, as the enclosed letter shows, and what she can contribute is well worth waiting for. I will return the letter you have sent me very soon.

With all kind regards

M. L. Owen

Mainhassel, [illegible] 1[illegible] 1[illegible]

Dear Mr. Evans,

I return with thanks Mr. Batchelder's letter to you, and will keep my own for a little longer. I have now all the data that I can expect from Mr. B. for he is very sick with congestion of the spinal cord and extreme nervous prostration. She might not to have written me the long letter that I received yesterday, but the sole pleasure left to her now is to talk and write about her dear husband. I will do my best to have my article ready early in December but I foresee hindrances. I am

Glad a Stolen Time this is not like a list of Many to be Transcribed for one but at some definite time. You will find them

Marion L. Owen

I have sent
to-day. Nov 23, 1917.
to
Mrs. Grace P. Johnson
Mrs. Nat. Hist.
Springfield
Mass

Cc Letter from
Mrs Carson
Greer

Wentworth. L. J.
May 14. 1912

It contains of no
importance -

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Camden
Bertram
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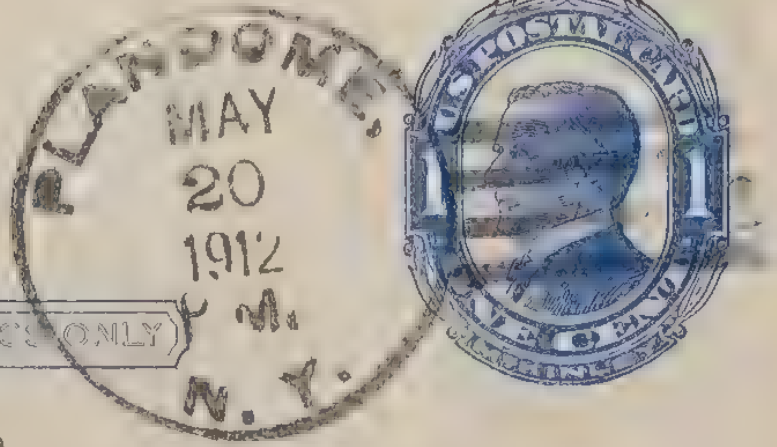
[illegible]

Nantucket, May 19-1912

The marked Mrs paragraphs in the C.-&-M. were sent to call my daughter's attention to some local and personal items. The "Poet" in "Poet's Corner" is rather clearer than usual, though for part of the fun one must know the localities of the time of Whaling. You may remember them, however. Just now our time for the name of the flower. I have lived in ignorance a year without serious results, and if another year added I can stand it. I have not seen the bees again. Cats are too thick about here.

M. A. O.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Mr. Fallin Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

for many reasons. You will
remember that I was there
the summer that Dr. Murray
went to the island. She said
to me once "I want you to
come and visit me every
year as long as I live". But
time did its work on her,
and after the winter that I
spent at the Cathcart House
I never stayed with her again.
It was a good opportunity to

Manhasset, L.I. Aug. 16-1912

Dear Mr. Deane,

Can you tell me the
name of the enclosed
plant? I never saw it any
more than my friend Miss
Soule who sent it to me,
and without flower or fruit
what can we do? But you
probably know it by its leaves.

I have my article on Villa in Nantucket all ready for Rhodora if the editors will accept it, and I will send it to them or rather to Dr. Robinson when I hear that he has got back to Cambridge.

I hope you are away in some pleasant country place. I have not been to Nantucket this year, in the two places where I have felt so much at home of late years every room was taken early for the whole season, and I feel the weight of my years, I could not search the town for another place and could not find one either so perfectly satisfactory. I had a real home with my old friend Mrs. Starbuck

Shelburne, N. H.
Aug. 12th, 1912.

My dear friend:-
I shall not apologize for asking you the name of the plant I send with this, for I do not remember ever seeing it before.
It comes from a bog and needs

Menyanthes trifoliata

bud, flower nor
fruit can be found.
The young leaves
are thick and
fleshy when fresh,
almost like rubber
in feeling. The
deep green of the
root stock is odd,
and the plant is
interesting.

~~I should not be~~

break up the custom -
Mrs. Starbuck will be
ninety-four years old
next month and although
fairly well for her age,
unable to go out and call
on her neighbors with
the help of a friendly
arm, she has to have a
personal attendant

all the time -

Yours with all kind

regards,

Maria L Owen -

younger in health and
strength. I wish that
Mrs. Coolidge enjoyed the
same blessings.

With my regards to you
and Mr. Deane,

Your obliged friend
Maria L. Owen

Manhasset, Aug. 23-1912

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am very much
obliged for the name of
that plant, and I can say
the same for the folks up
in Shelburne, though I have
not heard from them yet.
I know the pretty buckbean
flower perfectly well, though I
did not recognise the leaves;
I never saw the plant growing
but once and that was in
Nantucket — now, how long

too was it? My dear Cousin Eben Tallant told me there was "a new flower" out in a certain pond so out we went to get it. What fun we had! It was in deep water but Eben said he could swim. So ten years ago, we were neither of us married then, and now he is a grandfather and I a grandmother.

I have mailed my Tillaea article addressed as you advised me. Now think a little about my sending you the plant in 1895, when it was not discovered till 1904! It was Woodwardia angustifolia (areolata now) most beautiful specimens. I believe the largest were five feet high and so perfect. That clear and clean little pool all dried up now and the ferns gone. But I was not excited, only gay. Those pranks that I write to you about were performed for the amusement of the young relative with me; he was gay too and invented more pranks to celebrate the find.

What a splendid old age Dr. Coolidge is enjoying! He is nearly two years older than Mr. Starbuck, but ten years

Manchester, Aug. 28-1912.

I am sure I don't know myself what I mean. I wrote that article for Rhodora long ago, but revised it thoroughly very lately. Mr. Floyd has my Catalogue with original entries, but I will get it and make the dates right. How truly dreadful it is to be put into print with them wrong! I am immensely obliged to you for your letter and will write again when the matter is settled.

M. L. D.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Mr. Thatcher Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Greenhaven, L.I. N.Y. Aug. 31-1912

Dear Mr. Deane

Tillaea was discovered Aug. 24-1894 and I lost no time in sending you word, Aug. 27th as you say. I don't know what attack of absent-mindedness or perhaps lunacy led to those singular remarks in my letter. I didn't have to send away for my own catalogue. The dates and records are all here in their proper places, and all right — right too in my Rhodora article, ~~and~~ as the first draft which I still have shows.

I send with this a copy of the latest report of the Maria Mitchell Association particularly to show you what they are doing in botany. Mrs. Albertson who is a cousin of M. Mitchell is an admirable curator; she is thoroughly interested in the natural history of the island and very efficient in promoting the study of it by the young people in every department — geology, ornithology, conchology, entomology and the rest of the island ologies, and her daughter Alice, the assistant curator, shares her mother's interest.

May their lives and their work long continue!

Yours with kind regards,

Maria L. Owen

P.S. I am always glad to hear of Judge Churchill. Please give him my regards. M. L. O.

Manhasset, L.I. Sept. 11-1912 - 1 -

Dear Mr. Deane,

I sent you the M.M. report "for keeps," - I don't want it again - If there is any difference between the two names applied to the Association, it is that one is the legal designation and the other the colloquial term; that is my guess at any rate. Mrs. Albertson, the custodian is Maria's cousin as I told you; her husband is, like herself, a Friend - She has a sister who also married within the meeting; her husband Friend Hinchman is rich. It seems as if one of his pleasures in life is

to draw checks for the benefit of that association. Not infrequently we see that they have had a valuable gift but that the donor wishes to withhold his name. The observatory built on the grounds a few years ago is an example. Sometimes it is a much needed improvement that they are enabled to make through an unnamed donor — the improvement of the grounds and this work on the herbarium for instance. We always say these things to Mr. Hinchman.

The buckwean did come from that bog in Melbourne where you found yours.

Sept 17 — I was to yesterday afternoon to a gathering; thunderstorm made it too dark to see. The storm soon burst upon us, not very severe, but it struck the pretty Episcopal church about two miles from us, down in the village of Wallingford and burnt it to the ground.

The Widener gift to Harvard is highly valued in this house as wherever there is a Harvard graduate —

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Owen

I hope that you and Mrs. Deane are well, and that Mrs. Deane's mother, who was in failing health when you told me, does not suffer and that she can still enjoy life.

Yours with kind regards

Maria [illegible]

Manhasset, L. I. Oct. 23-1912-

Dear Mr. Deane,

I wish I knew what had become of my Illaea [illegible]. Can you ask about it sometimes when you are at the Herbarium? I sent it there directed to Dr. [illegible] in August (Aug. 23-); I knew she was not at home, but you said they would know what to do with it there, and that I had better not wait for his return. I have heard nothing about it from anybody. I did not send stamps for its return, because

as Dr. Robinson had seen the fine drape, and made no objection to it, I thought it was as good as accepted; but if it is not to be used and can be found and they will send it back to me, they shall have the stamps by the return mail.

And now a bird — we are fond of them here and wish we knew them better. Some of the migrants stop a day or so with us just now — quite a large flock of bluebirds for one kind; we were very glad to see them. Yesterday my daughter was just about starting for a train to New York and glancing out of the window saw some birds acting like humming birds. They were close to a large bed of Cosmos in full bloom, poising on their wings and then darting into the flowers just as humming birds do, but these were distinctly larger and brown or gray in color. My daughter could not spare a minute to watch them — she would have been in danger of losing her train. Can you give a guess about them? If you can we can perhaps verify it in our books.

Plaindome, Mar. 21 1913

Dear Mr. Deane,

The card within shall carry my Easter greetings to you and Mrs. Deane, and I shall write you a few lines besides.

Can you tell me the first name of Mr. Olney, a Providence Friend? He died many years ago, but I told Mrs. Alberson (curator of the M. Mitchell house) a rather pretty story about him and she kept it in mind for months, and

[illegible] me [illegible] [illegible] up to [illegible]
in our church [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] enough
to do. And what can I say of him?
Was he "eminent" or "well-known" or
"good" or what was he? I never saw
him but once.

I hear from Nantucket sometimes, — not as often as I used to, for my old friends are dropping away. Mrs. Starbuck died Feb. 22d at the age of 94, died of old age. Never had a pain or an ache, — took to her bed when too weak to be up, and was glad to be

that; she slept much, was happy when awake and finally just stopped breathing. Oh, it is a great loss when a friend of a lifetime goes.

I had a pleasant letter from Miss Batchelder today. She told me of the rare probability that had been seen in Manchester. Hoping that this may find you and yours well,

Always your sincere friend,

Maria L. Pierce

Peandome, L.I. April 7 - 1913.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am much obliged for what you sent me about Mr. Olney; I found just what I wanted, and much more, but I guess it is your way to do <u>more</u> than is required of you so as to be sure of doing <u>enough</u>. I have a little incident about Mr. O. to tell in the Nantucket Paper and when it gets into print I will send you a copy. I found from Dr. Gray's article that the gentleman was never married which I was very glad to know, because

I had had the impression or belief for sixty-four years that he had a wife but that they could not live together. Somebody must have told me so in 1849 when he went to Nantucket and I was invited to meet him as William Mitchell's.

There is an article of mine about the Henry Coffin Series on the island in the last issue of the Inquirer & Mirror which I will send with this. Those are the trees with which the Calluna and the Erica tetralix came in.

I, too, wish that I could see the Gray Horn.

It is pleasant to hear of Judge Churchill as well and active; your letters seem to show that you are the same.

Yours with kind regards

Maria L. Owen

The Nantucket Inquirer & Mirror May 10, 1913.

How a Kind Providence Favored a Botanist.

[Contributed.]

The gist of this story lies in its dates. I begin, then, by saying that in 1848 a great event for botanists occurred—Dr. Gray brought out his "Manual of the Botany of the Northern United States." Up to that time the only manual for the New England botanists was Dr. Bigelow's "Plants of Boston and its Vicinity," but a fuller work was much needed; many plants had been discovered within our limits in the thirty years since that work first appeared; the science, too, had advanced.

People bought the new manual, and besides using it to trace out the names of their "finds," they read it to see what to look for and where to seek desired plants, so Stephen T. Olney, of Providence, a most active local botanist, came across this: "Erythraea spicata; sandy shore, Nantucket." "What!" was doubtless his mental exclamation, "As rare as that? Only one locality in the whole country? Nantucket is not far off; I must run down there and look it up. And I can get the Obione, too, and the low Amaranth of the sea beach—both common enough on our southern coast, but rare north of New Jersey." So on the 8th day of the next August, 1849, he left his home and started for the island. Now the day before that a party of young people thought it would be nice to have a sail and a picnic and a good time generally, and they would not go to Tuckernuck, the usual place for such excursions, but to Coskaty. In these days they choose Wauwinet, but then that side of "the head of the harbor" was as unvisited as Muskeget—its very name still hidden away in old deeds from the Indians.

Well, a boat and a skipper having been secured, the party met on the wharf the next day, the 8th, and went aboard; this present writer had been invited to join the company, but for some reason, forgotten now, she could not do so. So at about the hour that Mr. Olney stepped forth from his house these gay young folks set sail from the wharf, and as they began

their respective trips at the same time, so they ended them, and the end brought them together. Mr. Olney came down the boat's gangway just in time to meet the Coskaty party on their return, and what did they have in their hands but small bunches of that desired Erythraea, a plant entirely new to all of them. An exchange was made at once; the Nantucketers gave the little flower, the off-islander the name, which my cousin George Clapp got from Mr. Olney in writing and then brought straight to me with some of the specimens. Its name now is Centaurium spicatum, but the name was changed from Erythraea long after Mr. Olney's visit.

Now there are some things about this occurrence worth reflecting upon. I will venture to assert that not a person on the island at that time knew of this little thing. To this day, with botanists coming every summer and diligently searching our whole island, it has never been reported from any part of our long sea beach, fifty miles or over, except from that place and a few neighboring localities, and at that time if it had met the eyes of the fishermen and the few gunners who went up there, they would have paid no more attention to it than to a bit of kelp or a penny shell. Mr. Olney would never have thought to take a boat and go to that remote spot; he easily found his other two desired plants; he had only to go to Brant Point and then walk along the beach where they were not uncommon —unattractive, weedy looking growths, the flower of both green and hardly larger than a pin's head.

He might well have expected Erythraea at every step, but no—that was to reach him through the nicest adjustment of circumstances. A variation of one mintue at any stage of his journey or of the sail-boat's trip, a choice of another day on either side, a choice of a different picnicking ground—my reader can lengthen as well as I, this list of possibilities, any one of which would have sent our visitor home, a disappointed man.

All botanists have their tales of curious incidents leading them to rarities, but is there any one quite as remarkable as this? None that I ever heard of. What shall we say of them? Each will have his own answer; mine is that a Providence which watches over even the sparrow does not disdain these seemingly trifling affairs of ours, but kindly leads us to our desired end.

Maria L. Owen.

Nantucket, July 2, 1914

My dear Miss Poole,

Mrs. Tallant has referred to me for some facts concerning Mrs. Coffin's life at Nantucket, and asked me to send the answer to you.

In her girlhood she was a pupil at the Private School of Hezekiah Cyrus Pierce and in 1838, when the High School was opened with him as Principal, Maria Tallant was one of the thirty-five pupils.

She taught in Boston in the George B. Emerson School and in the Perkins Inst. for the Blind. Later she had a private school in Nantucket, which she

left in to become an assistant in the Nash. High School. I think she was there till July, 1853.

She was married Nov. 23, 1853 to Dr. V. L. Owen, and went at once to Springfield, Mass.

I regret that I have not been able to find the date of her appointment as teacher in the Nash. High School. I may find it later.

As one of Mrs. Owen's High School pupils, I can offer a grateful tribute to her unfailing patience and inspiration. In her

later days it has been my privilege to spend many hours with her in search of her beloved wild-flowers of her old home.

Three weeks before her death I took her message to the Children's Garden Class here. "As we lay down our work I hope these young people will do all in their power to preserve the wild flowers and to make our dear island a clean and beautiful place."

Very truly yours,

Helen A. Gardner

Mrs. N. J. Kelly
West Newton Mass.
may be able to give the exact dates of Mrs. G's teaching in Nant.

Mr. Deane –

Do not return
this.

Chas.

Dear Mr. Drake,

I can find no information about Mrs Owen save the obituary in the Republican.

Mrs Owen was

1. Born Nantucket Mass
2. " 1826 (was 88 at death)
3. Maiden name
   Maria Louisa Pallard,
4. Early life unknown

J Walter Thorpe

May 14.

over

Maria L. Bishop
Widow of S. V. L. Bishop
died at Plandome L. I.
June 8 1913.

My dear Mr. Dean,

The only record of Mrs. Green's youth now is a copy of the Census of 1830. There it is given Maria Louise Tallach Age 5 yrs.

I am glad to help in the sketch of this life of an inspiring teacher and dear friend.

Yours truly
(Miss) Helen R. Gardner
Aug. 1, 1914.

220 Westville St.

Manchester N.H.

Dear Mr. Dow.

I now plan to come there for an interview with Mr. Sullivan and I hope you will get back time now he will let you in the writing of our words to our New Year song.

I leave here to morrow morning for the Camp

till breakfast, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] probably to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
afternoon & [illegible] to [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] a little
[illegible]. The [illegible] will
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a long night [illegible], which will
relieve the tedium to me.
I shall be lonely but it
will not be for long, and
I am looking at [illegible]
[illegible] and it [illegible] [illegible]
when we [illegible] [illegible] to

[illegible] [illegible] & I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I am [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] & I [illegible] Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] With love to [illegible]
[illegible] I am Yr. [illegible]
yours
James T. [illegible]

[illegible] 2d. 1862

Myrtle Hill,
Manchester, N. H.

[illegible]

to all others. It was a school endorsed by the Admiral, & is still "going" tho' from inadequacy of means, it is reduced to a sort of semi-technical or "trade" school, in wh. children are educated for cabinet makers, machinists, carpenters etc.

Again I assume, (and cousin Bertha Hazard says she is pretty sure of it) that Mrs Orne is buried in Springfield beside her husband.

I need not add that most of the letters I have had from Cousin Maria, contain matters of interest only to the immediate family. Botanically they must scarcely help you, as she only recounted incidentally some local flora along over simple lines.

But the letters I undue may be of some slight use

Sincerely yrs

F. Schuyler Mathews,

Camb. May 23 '14

Dear Mr. Drane

I realize that what I wrote yesterday morning & enclosed here, is absurdly little with which to help you out. But I have still a hope I may get "a line" from Amelia to whom I have recently written again. She may not have recd my last letter. I sometimes make strange errors in directing my correspondence, and I most generally use my imprinted envelops.

Mrs Henry F. Lallant is still living & is in Philadelphia ~~Baltimore~~. I could write & ask her a few things. Lil does today. I asked the Sec. Hort. Soc. to kindly send me a copy of that bulletin, wh. I recd a long time ago,

& cut, or gave away to a near relative.

I do not add anything to what I suspect you already have, i.e. letters in re to botany in general & to Dr. Gray.

Other facts I know would scarcely be useful to you. Mrs Crow was a member of the Unitarian Soc. in Springfield, & I have often gone to Church with her there. I do not think she was married by Dr. Hall; as I have always understood she was married in Nantucket, presumably it was by the minister of the Unitarian Church there, on Orange St. the Church with which all our

Sophie's family was connected. Mrs. Crow's Grandmother & my mother. But I have forgotten of this.

Mrs Dennis Grandfather Sohier was one Corwin & married his wife, Mrs Crowninshield the Nantucket "Sophie Sohier" of which my Grandfather Pickman Sophie was Principal at the time he died. Mrs Crow attended that school; & she & my mother (nearly 10 years her junior) were fellow-pupils. The Sohier school was a dreary out-of-the-way day-school, located at the Charles, & incidentally free to all members of the Sohier family! Not a private school

need of it & return at your leisure. I am sorry it does not contain more of interest in Cousin Mis early life - you see Mrs Gallent was much younger than my mother. Still, if cousin Mary writes as she says she will to Amelia, (you can rely upon her for that) something will surely come from Amelia.

I got the cut from Springfield, & gave it to Dr. Robinson. I promised to return it to Springf. (Nat Hist & Art Museum) after it has been used. Nothing more from Pantucket. Today is cool, & very cloudy, wind N.E. "Class Day" & the whole fund. will be off at the Stadium & the Campus. I can't spare time. Yesterday I inked in a drawing for Rhodora (for Mr. Fernald). Didn't remember the species. not familiar to me.

I get away Sat. if I can - Monday if I must. Parrott goes with me. & we are trusting to secure "help" in Compton. I can always draw my Mass Flora. All sent love & regards. Cordially Yr. — Fred J. Matthews

June 16/14

Dear Mr. Drane

I was so sorry not to have been able last Tues. to run over & say good bye to you Mrs Drane, please give her my regrets, and wishes for a healthful & pleasant summer. All last week I was in "a rush" and still I'm not out of it this week. My expectations to get "off" today were dashed some days ago. There's so much to do at the last. I still must trace carefully the leaves of a good 100 species before I can leave. My book includes 525 species, so you can easily imagine that exposes what there is in Cambridge & the Mt. Nts, plus my many sketches of things southern & western, there would be the 100 additional sketches which my book requires -

yesterday I named attendance as a number from [illegible] I am to early 11. There were a few things I needed to have looked into before I left the house

Then there is the never-ending, always perennial trouble about servants. I will not go & leave Mrs. M. with that problem unsolved. We have tried 3 Barbados barbarians, & they were exceeded the "limit". We are not so very particular either, but we do not propose to have a barbarian come in & drag us down to another plane of living! That's about the size of it. I want to see another young image in the house — I'm disgusted with their airs & bracelets & pigtails! — AND false hair & gold eyeglasses for "hours off". This one we have who goes off next Thurs, has been here 9 days 5 nights of which she did not return home. So I or someone else in the fam. let her in at 6.30 a.m.! What for, all these nights out heaven only knows, when expert liars explain reasons.

I get up regularly now at 5.30 or 6. a.m. ready for my multitudinous duties. My trunk is already partly packed, & I have sent word to my faithful handman in Hampton to expect me the end of this week or the Monday following. Of course after long "chases" & hints, we have a promise of a "Celtic" (competent) next Thurs. One refused the position recently @ $7. a week — reason too far away! I am rejoiced to be able to send you Cousin Mary Sallants' letter recently rec'd. Keep it until you get all you

small service has been of any value at all! I'm sure cousin Elwid would be pleased to know you undertook the task & successfully concluded it. I do not know what ails the Sullivans — it seems strange to have none of us had any response.

The Davis house is full of people & I suppose we will have a lively summer. Carroll seems improved already — his color is better. Dr. Williams again talked of "operation" when consulted just before we left Tome, but Dr. Swombly did not endorse his judgement. I did not approve the idea of course. Birds galore! all about us. Phoebe has 5 eggs in a nest near my studio window. Cuckoo sings & mutters. Whip-poor-will first opts. in the meadow. I have counted 20 species singing right around us, incl. the "Solitary Vireo," & "Nashville". All send love & regards to you & Mrs Drane. I shall write later, as summer grows.

Ever Cordially Yours Fred. Mathews

Blair N.H. Jul. 6th/14

P.S. Lie at the drawings for my book. Sent 25 down to my Sat. In 100 more to do, & my copies also. The last reproduced excellently. 25 are done about 75 more to do. F.S.M.

Dear Mr. Drane

I have your kind postals. In reply to the second I must admit that I do not positively know the e is right. But my wife & I seem to think Louise is correct. I have dropped a card to Mrs Lalland to inquire. The reply will be forwarded to you, or to Dr. R. if your article has gone to him by the time of its arrival.

Yes, we have been soaked with rain ever since we came here. Carroll & I left Cambr. Thurs a week & more ago! Mrs M. & the visitors came Sat. and it rained all along! However the country needed the water. Frank H. came up when Genevieve did & will stay a few days longer, then he will go to Nova Scotia to

fill a summer position with Stone & Webster.

You will be interested to know that the Allens are just below us at Mrs. Davis's. Arthur is not only a great deal better (thus far fine normal) but he has "acne" mosilanke. Saturday the young folks engaged a "local" automobile (L & G. Margaret Allen, Arthur, & Katherine Maynard) & all swung around to Warren (Mosilanke hung) & from there ascended the Mt. via the carriage road. Climbed the 5 miles in 2 hours (Arthur well in the lead!) Came down in the late p.m. & arrived home at 9 p.m. A fine day & excellent view & all happy over the exploit!

That seems extraordinary for A.! Did you think so! for some years he has been inactive, & has eaten so much that he had become abnormally fat. He previously cared only to lie in a hammock while up here. Now he walks from the Davis up here frequently.

All our cottages are now occupied. The one on the hill is taken by some N.Y. people. Scott & Van Winkle! So dutch meets dutch — Schuyler & Van Winkle have hob-nobbed & discussed with mutual regret. the fact that the recent (2 yrs ago) fire in Albany destroyed nearly all of our ancestor's records of lands, maps, deeds, etc. etc.

Harvey Amos Phelps Stokes with an expert hand, offered his services & has found a large number of old records.

I'm glad you have been successful with your writing up of Two Doris's career. I am more than pleased, if my

little time. She has a house full now 20 people, & no adequate maids. One young girl & 2 young men to help! In domestic life this in Canada is deplorable — we cannot get any help. Yet Mr. Joe Elliot Dep. Minister of Ed. says in the early season he gets girls @ $14 a month. Reason why — "Tilt" That is demoralizing. (? wise law could) stop it. It could. It has done so for years in Italy relatively with Government officers etc.

We are all well. Frank is in N.C. (Sidney) Grenier & he, last climbed Liberty near the Flume 4000 ft. I couldn't of course go. & the law. wouldn't have allowed me on ½ of the treacherous ankle. But I'm well. Yes. I'm working hard. Any "book" needs hard work! You know that. I'm up at 6. at work at 7. finish at 6. occasionally a bicycle ride. I have 65 out of my 125 pen-&-ink drawings done. Many maps already complete, but my 12 water-color must yet be done.

P.S. Pardon my hasty scrawling I haven't time to send it over & correct it

Blair N.H. July 25th '14

Dear Mr. Drake

I meant to write to you yesterday, but in the press of work, I let it slip!

I have (Sunday) written to Dr. Robinson & told him to spell the name

Louisa

Funny! but I was sure — pretty nearly sure it was "e" But at last came a letter Sat. night from Mrs Lallant who is now in Canaan N.Y. saying Cousin Mi's name was anglicised from a French woman's name

Marie Louise

& that she always spelled it Louisa. So that is O.K. now — no thanks to Mrs. Sullivan. Cousin Mary Lallant said she would have responded

ed sooner but my letter crossed her from point to point. I sent it to Thea. She is very good & wants to help you all she can. She mentions Miss Soule may near you in S. I suppose that lady is in possession of as much information as herself. Well, I'm glad if you have been helped. My share is, indeed, little. I hope some time you will meet Connie Mary Fallant she is a quiet but intellectual person — related to us only by marriage you know. But a really distinguished Manchester.

You ask about Arthur. All I can say is, the poor boy is perfectly happy here, & perfectly docile — That means all one can expect!

Of course psychologically, his case is a study — The brain is never completely upset, I think, in any abnormal individual. Arthur is abnormal, some corners of his brain are "arrested" at say a 15 year old point! In other respects his learning, and his intelligence remain possibly intact. It is very peculiar. In my sisters case — a case of prenatal arrested development, resulted in a not wholly imbecile individual. But she is as nearly the completely idiotic character as one could find. That is probably due to the entire destruction of the right lobe of the brain, or rather it atrophy. The direct result is a paralysis in part of the whole left side. Arthur's case is one of insanity ("dementia praecox" which physicians say is incurable. That he is now where he might be or outside of that terrible system with its noisy unmitigated inmates. Cousin Lucy Davis is greatly interested in him & so long as her house was quite empty of other

I told Dr. R. the various botanists had led me a dance of it! But that was in the text. I can get to battle with my miserable memory of names, & I lose no end of time yet, with synonyms. Occasionally, for example, my specimen, or sketch, or tracing is labeled with the wrong name, & I have to make it a 7th Ed. one! Still I am absorbed & interested in the work & my drawings are being splendidly reproduced. I hope to get them by Oct 1st or earlier. Perhaps you can see the wonderfully fine geological maps which have been lent to me as an assistant in mapping out character of soil. I shall put in 1 or 2 maps showing geological conditions in U.S. & one showing the thermal conditions. These will help me to understand the principle of distribution. In several - many - of my drawings I have entered the initials of coll. of the spec. used. Your own initials among them you see I'm taking liberties! But the credit

is due the collector. On a sep. page I for the name in full. This includes some strangers to me but also E. F. Williams. W. Drane. M. L. F. Dr. B. Judge Churchill etc I find this is the best way to establish the authority of my leaf tracings they are absolute.

Is all send love to you & Mrs Drane, wish I could dine around & see you & the Mc Millans. But we sailed soon.

Every political credentials are being revised. & Washington will hear from its "policy" next November. I agree absolutely with Mr. McKinlaw & that sound. My friend Gen. Grosbeck was there in June at his Vermont farm. You ought to have heard what he had to say! Phew!

Cordially yours

Fred S. Mathews

The Rev. Cyrus Pierce, was my mother's Aunt Harriet Pierce's husband. The Pierce "Lot" in Prospect Hill Cemetery is next my grandfather Coffin's Lot - Nantucket.

You may be interested to learn that she taught in Geo. B. Emerson's School Boston. I think I have heard of that before. Mrs Lallant is right. I know positively that Mrs Dorr was in Waterville Me. with her sister Caroline Lallant, in 1868. I was a very small boy then, but I remember her interest & work in botany at that time in that place. I remember my mother's interest in her "findings" & also the indifference of my own Aunt Mary Davis (mother's sister) who at that time had no use for botany, but later developed a passion for "hunting down" the brown fern. I suspect the "persistence" Mrs Lallant speaks of was a characteristic Coffin as well as Hussey trait.

L.S.M.

of many of the large or celebrated trees in N.E. and when I wrote my book on the Subj. (it was intended for children or young people), she gave me an account of several remarkable or celebrated specimens. Mrs Owen was also, as you know, quite nearly related to Mr. Batchelder of Manchester thru descent from Hugh Tallant.
She wrote me that we were mutually thru more remotely related to him thru the Rev. Stephen Bachiler who came over from England sometime in the 16-30's.
Mrs. Owen broke up her home in Springfield & sold it about 5 or 6 years ago.
She had moved to Plandome with Amelia from Brooklyn early in 1911.
I enclose the last letter & postal rec'd from Cousin Maria, also Amelia's letter notifying me of her mother's departure. I have written to Springfield & asked for the plate taken from her photograph.

L. Sampson Mathews.

Notes in reference to Mrs Maria L. Owen.

Date of birth I dont know, but it was in February 1822. so she was a little over 91

Father's name I'm not sure of, but think it was Henry Tallant

Mother's name was Nancy Coffin

Mrs Owen was a direct descendant thru Henry Tallant of Hugh Tallant the early New England settler who came from Ireland. He is celebrated in one of Whittier's poems.
Nancy Coffin was my grandfather's (William Coffin) elder sister. She had died before I visited Nantucket as a boy in 1868 I dont know the date of her death or that of her husband.
Both are buried in the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Nant. next to the lot belong-

ing to my Grandfather.

I first met Cousin Maria in 1868 when I was a little boy. But I still remember her as she looked then – small, a bit old-fashioned, precise, & perhaps old-maid-ish. At that time she was deeply interested in botany, (August 1868), and was staying for the summer in Waterville N.H. not far from where my cottage now is, among the greater Southern White Nets. At that time I remember her showing me a number of specimens lately gathered among which was Cornus Canadensis, Tiarella Cordifolia etc. etc. all were, of course, Canadian in character.

Mrs Owen was related – thru the maternal branch of her grandfather Coffin to Benj Franklin, and Daniel Webster. I know little about the history of her life in Springfield, or when she was married to Dr. Owen. I met Dr Owen only twice and that was about 17 years ago – not long before he died.

Mrs Owen had a gifted son Walter (an architect) who designed the very beautiful little Art Museum in Springfield. He died not long after his father.

Mrs Owen had one younger brother Henry P. Tallant
one sister Caroline Tallant.

Both attended Dr. Edw. E. Hale's church, and the former was married by Dr. Hale. The sister was for many years secretary to Dr. Hale. (You will remember perhaps our Roxbury House was next door to Dr. Hales)

Mrs Owen was remarkably "up" in the fleshy fungi! I always, in visiting her in Springfield, had the good fortune to eat some of the mushrooms she collected – if it was in the season! She seemed to know them all, and gave me a succinct and graphic description of the poisonous ones which I was to avoid – But I often told her, I should decline to eat any except those she gathered. She also knew

Benj. Franklin
Daniel Webster

Early New Eng. settler from Ireland
Hugh Tallant of Whittier's "Sycamores"

Weld family of Roxbury, Mass.

3 Coffin =

= William Coffin

Nancy Coffin (buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Nantucket.) = Eben Weld Tallant (buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Nantucket)

——— = Matthews

F. S. Matthews

Varillas L. Owen (pride Mary G. Tallant) = Therin Louise Tallant Deputy interested in botany in Aug., 1868 —

Henry P. Tallant (attended Eld & Holt's church Manual & Dr. Cogley.)

"Caroline Tallant" (attended Eld 2. Holt's Church)

Walter L. Owen (died) gifted - designed the beautiful Litter Cart museum in Springfield.

Amelia Owen = James Sullivan

= Mary G.

"Caroline Tallant (for many years secy to Dr. Hole).

2. Nancy Coffin descended from Tristram Coffin and others of the early settlers of Nantucket.

3. Coffin 1st Pres. of the trustees of the Coffin School. Mrs. Owen began her schooling there and probably finished it at the school of her uncle Rev. Cyprus Pierce.